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Treasury: There's not enough money in government's till

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury foresees a rough time in the coming fiscal year, as the belief spreads in the ministry's top echelons that a huge gap between government spending and revenue is inevitable. "It is clear that we will have to cut the budget again by several hundred million dollars," a senior finance ministry official said.

Finance Minister Nissim on Friday convened a first discussion of the next fiscal year's budget, hearing division heads survey expected developments. No decisions were taken, but further meetings are to take place after Succot.

Treasury officials say that even if the \$350 million cut approved by the cabinet this year is carried out, there will be an urgent need to chop the budget again. Spending on social services will go up by two per cent, the Defence Ministry has asked for an extra \$200 million, repayment is coming up for huge internal debts, and a large drop in tax revenue is forecast.

Part of the Treasury's problem stems from the NIS 1.9 billion to be

repaid in the first stage of the bank shares arrangement. This is in addition to the NIS 5b. in other government debts to the public that will soon fall due. "We will reschedule a large part of the payments, but we will have a rough time doing it," a ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The ministry is also expecting a drop in tax revenue of about \$170 million, with several taxes, such as the car levy and the tax on child allotments, due to end.

Revenue will also drop due to a planned reduction of customs duties, in accordance with agreements with the European Community. The reductions take effect on January 1, and will take \$200m. in revenue out of next year's budget. In addition, employers will be paying \$300m. less to the National Insurance Institute.

Due to the fall in revenue it is not clear if the planned tax reform can be implemented, although Nissim is determined to introduce it this year. The plan calls for scrapping some tax exemptions and a reduction in tax rates.

New energy policy sets off fireworks

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first stage of a major plan to open the country's oil industry to free competition is to be introduced in the new year, Energy Minister Moshe Shahal has announced.

The new policy is expected to spark competition at petrol stations where, up to now, prices have been uniform.

The scheme must still be approved by the ministerial economic committee but, as it has the backing of Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, this is considered nearly certain.

But the country's three oil companies, Paz, Sonol, and Delek, have protested strongly against the policy announced on Friday by Shahal.

Their representatives insist that the industry is already efficient under the present system in which they handle the nation's oil imports and the government virtually guarantees them a cost-plus profit.

After Shahal had left the meeting, which was also attended by Treasury and Energy Ministry officials, the oil companies' men walked out in protest. There was no one available for comment at the three companies last night.

An Energy Ministry official said last night that the new policy aimed to reduce government involvement and to let market forces control the price of oil products. "We are sure the end result will be a better deal for the consumer," he said.

The main elements of the new policy will be a competitive system that

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'Post' interviews chancellor

Austria 'didn't shift to right'

By ILONA HENRY
and ARI RATH

VIENNA. — Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky holds that recent political events in Austria, in the wake of President Kurt Waldheim's election last June, should not be interpreted as a shift to the right. He reiterated Austria's "absolute and unshaken readiness for friendly and proper relations with Israel."

In an interview yesterday with *The Jerusalem Post*, in the midst of a hectic election campaign, Vranitzky said he was "sad that our friends in Israel are not exactly helpful to those forces in Austria which are concerned and are trying to remedy the situation here."

In an obvious reference to the anti-Semitic undercurrents which surfaced during the Waldheim campaign and the subsequent election of right-winger Jörg Haider as leader of the Freedom Party, Vranitzky called for a frank reassessment of Austria's social, cultural and political problems. "We are faced with a situation in which certain tones relating to the past were voiced which have to be dealt with in a serious and courageous manner."

Vranitzky referred again to the passage in his summing-up address to the outgoing parliament when he stressed that "one should not leave any doubt regarding the rights of

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Six months after Bejski

Bankers finally getting the message

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Economic Reporter

Six months after the publication of the Bejski report, many of the bank heads ordered to depart from the banking system are still hanging on to some of their old positions and power. But now, in the wake of renewed public pressure over bankers' salaries and fringe benefits, even many banking insiders are prepared to concede what has been obvious to outside analysts for months — that the failure to implement the personal recommendations of the Bejski commission quickly and cleanly has hurt the ability of Israel's major financial institutions to introduce new business strategies, undermined management's control and ruined the possibility of revamping their poor public image.

Some of those ordered out by Bejski took their time going, but when they went they left the stage completely. Folger Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum, for instance, has barely appeared in public in recent months. He is reportedly working on at least one, and possibly two books on the Israeli economy which, he has advised confidants, will contain sensational revelations about people and institutions at the centre of the economic crisis in recent years.

The Recanati family, after a ferocious but ultimately unsuccessful struggle to prevent their being forced out of the management of the Israel Discount Bank which they

Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dubin told Israel Television's Mabat news last night that Japhet would resign from all his positions with the Bank Leumi group. He did not specify a date.

He admitted that Japhet's severance pay was indeed excessive, but added that nothing could be done about it.

founded in 1935, withdrew en masse from the bank, even seeking new premises for their offices, and were replaced in their management positions at the beginning of this month. The bank's board of directors has also been radically changed by the Recanatis' departure. Although they retain ultimate ownership of

Discount through their control of IDB Bankholding, the bank's parent company, suggestions that they continue to run the bank from outside have yet to be backed by convincing evidence, while they themselves have made an exemplary handover of power under difficult business and personal circumstances.



Ernest Japhet

(IPPA)

In Bank Mizrahi, former managing-director Aharon Meir told *The Jerusalem Post* that he would be tendering his resignation from his remaining positions in the bank's subsidiaries — notably the international holding company that controls the bank's overseas operations — at board meetings scheduled for the coming weeks. Thereafter, Meir said, he would have no ties to the bank and was, in fact, already examining possibilities of new projects in the private financial service sector.

The bank worst hit in every respect by recent events is Leumi, where the \$5 million golden handshake reportedly paid to ex-chairman Ernest Japhet after his forced retirement — in effect, dismissal — in May, in the wake of the Bejski report, has continued to haunt the management. The amount of the severance payment has never been denied or confirmed by the bank, and is now widely regarded as accurate. Subsequent to the initial revelations of Japhet's retirement terms, Leumi has been buffeted by claims that in 1983/84, Japhet and his four most senior executives received average salaries of \$22,800 per month, and that Mordechai Einhorn, his successor as chief executive officer and the two remaining joint general-managers, continue to receive such pay even now. Finally, the recent furor surround-

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Israel warns Amal to return airman

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israel had no clear indication last night of the fate or whereabouts of the Israeli airman shot down over Sidon on Thursday afternoon.

Despite reports from Lebanon that the Phantom's airman was being held by the Shi'ite Amal militia, senior Israeli military sources last night told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We have absolutely no definite knowledge of the airman's whereabouts. All we know is what we have seen in the media."

But based on the reports from Lebanon, the coordinator for Lebanese policy at the Defence Ministry, Uri Lubrani, issued a statement on Friday saying Israel

considered Amal responsible for the airman's safety and demanding his immediate return.

"Israel will not tolerate any harm to the missing Phantom airman," Lubrani said.

Lubrani's statement, sources noted, should not be construed as meaning that the airman was definitely being held by Amal. Doubts that this was the case were raised by a statement by Amal leader Nabih Berri, who said in Damascus that he could not confirm his organization was holding the airman.

But Berri added: "If reports are true that he is in the hands of Amal, then for sure he should be swapped through international circles for all Lebanese and Palestinian captives held by Israeli authorities."

Adding to the confusion is the fragmented nature of Amal. Berri,

Lebanon's justice minister, is leader of the Beirut-based arm of Amal. But he has little authority over Amal in South Lebanon, and no control over those segments of the militia affiliated with fundamentalist Hizbullah.

The missing airman was shot down while on a bombing mission against Fatah targets four kilometres south of Sidon Thursday afternoon.

One of the two crew members was rescued, after a 90-minute search, by Cobra helicopter gunships guided by the airman's automatic location transmitter.

Reports that the airman is being held by Amal are based on a wire agency dispatch from Sidon quoting an interview with a 19-year-old Amal militiaman, Rafik Ibrahim, who claimed to have captured him.

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Shamir forms new gov't

By SARAH HONIG
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Post Political Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Likud's Yitzhak Shamir will become prime minister tomorrow, today is Labour's Shimon Peres's last day in office as the rotation's wheels mesh into full gear.

Shamir is to present his 25-man cabinet for Knesset approval tomorrow, after having informed the President on Friday that he had put together a new government. He did so one hour after being entrusted with the task of forming that government.

Shamir will spend most of today polishing his speech to the Knesset. His aides describe it as "a major address." They say it will stick to all the coalition guide-lines and will stress continuity of policy.

Much of the emphasis will be on the need for a continuing effort to heal the economy, the need to push on with the peace process, to strengthen ties with Egypt, deepen cooperation with the U.S., and defeat terror.

The Knesset session will end with the swearing-in ceremony, after which members of the old-new



Shamir smiles, after signing the accord with Peres on Friday (Feinberg/Media)

cabinet will pose for their traditional photograph with the President.

Almost as soon as he is sworn in, Shamir will go to Ashkelon to make his first appearance as prime minister at the Kurdish community's Saharane celebrations. The same evening, Shamir is scheduled to

speak in Jerusalem at the state ceremony honouring the centenary of the birth of Israel's first premier, David Ben-Gurion.

The new cabinet will include Peres as vice premier and foreign minister. Liberal leader Yitzhak Moda'i will be in as well, but as minister-without-portfolio, and Shoshana Arbelli-Almosino is slated to become Health Minister. She will replace Mordechai Gur, who has announced that he will not serve under Shamir.

An agreement enabling the formation of the new government was signed by Shamir and Peres early Friday morning, ending a fierce coalition dispute between the two parties which had delayed the establishment of the Shamir government for six days.

That agreement promises to be a source of future acrimony between the two parties due to the different interpretations they put on a number of controversial clauses. Thus Shamir explained to Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens that he will be able to entrust him with the

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GENEVA	10	15	19	Cloudy
HELSINKI	10	15	19	Cloudy
BOGOTÁ	25	27	29	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	12	14	16	Cloudy
LONDON	10	15	19	Cloudy
MADRID	11	16	21	Cloudy
MONTREAL	4	9	14	Cloudy
NEW YORK	4	9	14	Cloudy
OSLO	2	7	12	Cloudy
PARIS	11	16	21	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	23	26	Clear
STOCKHOLM	10	15	19	Cloudy
TOKYO	10	15	19	Cloudy
TORONTO	4	9	14	Cloudy
VIENNA	10	15	19	Cloudy
ZURICH	10	15	19	Cloudy

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	Yesterday's	Humidity	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	53	55	15-23	21
Golan	58	60	15-23	21
Nahariya	54	56	20-26	26
Salaf	61	63	20-26	26
Haifa Port	46	48	13-20	19
Tiberias	46	48	19-30	28
Nazareth	46	48	16-24	24
Afula	55	57	19-27	27
Shomron	64	66	16-24	24
Tel Aviv	58	60	19-26	26
B-G Airport	63	65	19-26	26
Jericho	49	51	21-32	31
Gaza	52	54	20-26	26
Beersheba	43	45	16-26	26
Eilat	39	41	21-32	31

Peres will right 'injustice' to snubbed official

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Incoming foreign minister Shimon Peres, it is understood, will "rectify the injustice" done last week to Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Yishayahu Anug, who was passed over in the recent award of the personal rank of ambassador to six ministry staffers.

Anug, in charge of West European affairs, is one of the ministry's most respected and experienced diplomats. A works committee source over the weekend expressed "surprise" and "sorrow" that he had been passed over.

Outgoing Foreign Minister Shamir last week awarded the personal rank of ambassador to six senior staff members: Moshe Yegar, consul-general in New York; deputy director-general for information, Dov Shmora; inspector-general, Yitzhak Minervy; ambassador to France Ovadia Sofer; the ambassador to the UN institutions in Geneva, Pinhas Eliav; and deputy director-general Zvi Kedar.

Ministry sources felt that Anug was at least as deserving of promotion as these six but that, for ideological reasons, Shamir had preferred to deny him the rank. The sources felt that the award to at least some of the six was a further instance of "politicization" in the ministry.

There are now 11 ministry men with the personal rank of ambassador, filling all such posts in the ministry's establishment. But it is understood that Anug will receive the rank as soon as one such slot is vacated. Several are filled by ambassadors due to retire in the coming 6-8 months, including Eliashiv Ben-Horin, the ambassador to Canada.

Fourteen dead, 76 hurt in week's road accidents

Fourteen persons were killed and 76 badly injured in 68 serious traffic accidents throughout the country last week. Nine of those killed, including five children, were pedestrians. Of the badly injured, 59 were pedestrians, of whom 34 were children. (Iim)

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Soviets to allow Shirman's family out, but it may be late for transplant

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Leukemia victim Michael Shirman received word on Friday that his sister, Inessa Fierova, will be allowed to travel to Israel with her husband so that she can give him a potentially life-saving bone marrow transplant.

In a telephone interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Shirman said, "Even though the Soviets have called my sister and her husband to Ovir (the Soviet Emigration office), and told them they will be allowed to leave, I will only believe in all of this when I see them face to face."

Meanwhile, Dr. Kenneth Prager, a specialist in pulmonary diseases at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Centre in New York, who became involved in the Fierova-Shirman case after a visit to the Soviet Union last spring, and who has been treating Shirman during his stay here in recent days, told AP that Shirman's health was precarious and that the transplant operation should have taken place earlier. "His only chance of a cure is the marrow transplant, and even now it may be too late," Prager said.

Also on Friday, Prager treated David Goldfarb, the long time dissident who flew to the U.S. from the Soviet Union aboard Dr. Armand Hammer's private plane last Thursday. Prager told *The Jerusalem Post*, "Dr. Goldfarb's worst problem is the ulcer on his right foot, but he also has diabetes and cardiac disease. We also plan to get him a prosthesis for his left leg." (Goldfarb's leg was partially amputated after the battle of Stalingrad in World War II.)

Prager said he was "optimistic" that the medical team attending Goldfarb would be able to cure him without amputating his ulcerated and gangrenous left foot, as Soviet doctors had been prepared to do before Prager began a campaign in the last six months to have Goldfarb brought to the U.S. for treatment. Prager said that Goldfarb was

"very happy" to be reunited with his son Alex in the U.S., but added: "His happiness is only marred by the fact that Soviet authorities denied permission to his daughter and her husband to leave also. Dr. Goldfarb hopes the authorities will show his daughter the same humane approach they showed him."

Shirman had just begun a press conference Friday morning at Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue when word reached him that he should call his wife in Israel immediately. Shirman called his wife, who told him that his sister had just called from Moscow with the news that she and her husband had just returned from the Ovir office where they had been informed they would be allowed to leave. Shirman then told reporters of the news and said it was a "miracle."

Shirman appeared completely exhausted, and had to cut short the press conference to rest. Later, Shirman visited Israeli Ambassador to the UN Binjamin Netanyahu to ask his help in maintaining pressure on the Soviets to allow the Fierovas to leave immediately.

Shirman told *The Post* he planned to return to Israel "within the next several days." He said that he believed his activities in Reykjavik during last week's Reagan-Gorbachev talks, during which he had publicly confronted Soviet officials with appeals on behalf of his sister and her husband, had been an important factor in the Soviet decision to allow them to leave.

Shirman said he had never considered asking his sister to come to Israel without her husband to give him the bone marrow transplant, even though she had offered to do so. "That was never an option for me, since I understood that it was impossible to save myself by destroying someone else's life. Since that option was closed to me, I had to travel around the world trying every other method I could find to save myself."



As his son Alex (right) translates, Soviet dissident David Goldfarb (second from right) talks to press at Newark Airport after arriving from Moscow last Thursday. Looking on are recently freed U.S. reporter Nicholas Daniloff (left), and industrialist Armand Hammer, who arranged for the release and in whose private plane Goldfarb flew to the U.S. (UPI)

Plot to kill Israel's UK ambassador suspected

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Abu Nidal group terrorists may have planned to assassinate Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Avner last month. Whitehall sources revealed last night.

Special Branch officers arrested six suspected Abu Nidal terrorists three weeks ago, and the sources said last night that the gang might well have come to Britain to kill Avner. Police reportedly found copies of *The Jewish Chronicle* at the home of one of the men, with dates and times of events to which Avner might have been invited.

Britain deported one of the gang members, a Swedish national, over a week ago. Stockholm police were questioning him last night in connection with the murder last February of Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme.

The Swede is thought to be a key member of Abu Nidal's organization. It was his arrival in London last month that alerted the Special Branch of the possibility of an attack on an Israeli target here.

According to today's *Sunday Telegraph*, two other members of the gang, both Iraqis, are to be deported today to Syria. The other three are being held in the high security wing of Paddington Green police station, awaiting deportation.

Palme was known to be a friend of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, so it seems quite possible that the rival Abu Nidal group might have had an interest in his murder.

One of Abu Nidal's cousins is serving a jail sentence for the 1982 Mayfair shooting of then Israeli ambassador Shlomo Argov.

Demjanjuk appeals detention order

Accused Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk last week appealed to the Supreme Court to reverse the decision to hold him in custody until the end of proceedings against him.

His lawyer argued in the appeal that Demjanjuk's detention is unlawful because he was not allowed to see the evidence against him, and thus could not offer a proper defence. (Iim)

Israeli experts to take part in Sri Lanka farm project

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israeli-Sri Lankan relations took a major step forward this month with the start of Israeli participation in the giant Mahaweli River agricultural development project, for which some \$4 billion in international funds have been allocated.

A sign of the improved relations with Sri Lanka, which last year allowed Israel to open an interest section in Colombo, was the meeting between Foreign Minister Shamir and Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Hamid in New York last month, when Shamir attended the opening of the UN General Assembly session. At the meeting, kept secret until now, Hamid asked Shamir for "explanations" about the Middle East situation.

An Israeli agricultural settlement expert left a fortnight ago for Sri

Lanka and a commercial expert is due to fly out next week to study what Israel can contribute to the project. Israeli economic officials expect that Israeli companies could participate in the major housing and infrastructure work, which aims to resettle some 200,000 Sri Lankans in the Mahaweli River Valley after dams have been constructed and the land readied for cultivation.

Further Israeli experts are expected to travel to Sri Lanka in the near future.

Israel hopes that the project will generate major Sri Lankan import of Israeli goods, and that the multi-layered economic cooperation that will develop will lead to the restoration of full diplomatic relations between the two countries within a year or two.

Sri Lanka's minister of development is due to visit Israel in January.

Drive is on to get missing \$38m in Project Renewal pledges

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Project Renewal may be overcoming its status as a step-child of American Jewish fund-raising, into which it had sunk over the past few years. The neglect led to a lag of \$63 million in fund-raising for 69 disadvantaged areas in Israel.

The U.S. campaign chairman for Project Renewal, Jane Sherman of Detroit, said in a recent interview in Israel that a special fund-raising effort to make up the lag, begun last April, has produced \$28m. so far. She hopes that the rest of the \$63m. in missing pledges will materialize by next April.

Money for rehabilitation work is raised in the U.S. through the United Jewish Appeal from specific Jewish communities, which are twinned with disadvantaged areas in Israel. Other funds come from the government and Jewish communities outside the U.S. through Keren Hayesod.

The lag was created as communities were side-tracked from their regular commitments by special campaigns during the Lebanon war and the rescue of Ethiopian Jews in Operation Moses. Some communities were mismatched from the start with their Israeli twins, and simply don't have the funding potential to meet

the obligations they assumed at the start of the project.

Pressure from national UJA on local community federations also slackened off during this time.

Sherman said that she and her team got things moving again in communities with the potential to meet their commitments by "bombarding them with information, pushing people to go out and solicit funds, and driving the federation staffs crazy."

The rest of the money, she said, is coming from communities such as New York, Detroit, San Francisco, and others, that have finished their commitments to their renewal areas. Individuals in these communities are being urged to "buy" programme packages of finance renewal work, such as \$6,000 for a vocational training course, \$1,800 for an adult literacy course, and so forth. One can become an honorary member of a neighbourhood for \$1,000.

While the Jewish Agency Renewal Department is pressing American Jewry to take on the several dozen deprived areas that have not yet entered the project, Sherman and her colleagues are cautious. "We want to finish one set of commitments before going on to the next," she said.

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functions he had been promised — minister in charge of Arab affairs and in charge of the special liaison section on Soviet Jewry in the Prime Minister's Office.

Arens was said to have been extremely angered by the agreement, which Labour claims limits Shamir's ability to delegate authority. But Shamir pointed out to Arens that Labour wanted to phrase the clause to say that there would be no changes in ministerial functions without prior agreement between Peres and Shamir. The Likud insisted that the clause stipulates that there be no "changes in responsibility." Only after hours of haggling did Labour agree to this formulation.

The Likud interpretation is that Shamir may assign duties to the ministers, though the formal responsibility will remain the prime minister's. Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsor (Labour) said last night that that would contradict the agreement.

The agreement also makes it possible for a number of Peres's appointees to stay on in office for a bit longer. These are Yisrael Peleg at the Government Press Office, adviser on women's affairs Nitzla Libai-Shapira, adviser on the war against terrorism, Amiran Nir, and adviser on Arab affairs Yosef Ginat. Likud

sources say however there is a tacit understanding that they will be replaced in about a month. "One shouldn't expect Shamir to have to work with Peres's advisers and it is not clear why those advisers should wish to stay on with Shamir," a source close to the premier-designate told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Likud sources expressed satisfaction with the agreement last night, noting that they had won on the two chief points in contention — Moda'i is in the cabinet and cabinet secretary Yossi Beilin is not likely to become ambassador to Washington. The present ambassador, Meir Rosenne will stay in office for seven more months, though a new ambassador will be named during the next three months.

The Keren cabinet will meet for its final session this morning. A shorter than usual session is expected, after which Peres and his aides will prepare for their move to the Foreign Ministry, while Shamir's staff prepare to enter the Prime Minister's office.

According to Labour sources, opinion in the party is running high against a proposed amendment to the Basic Law: the Government that would enable Beilin to become deputy minister though he is not an MK. It is not clear whether it would be legally possible to custom-tailor a

new position of deputy minister just for him.

The Shamir government is expected to win the support of a large majority of the Knesset, though a handful of Labour MKs are expected to abstain or absent themselves from the vote. Among those who are unlikely to support the government are MKs Haim Ramon, Aharon Harel, Abdul Wahab Daroushe, Ora Namir and possibly Gur. MK Nava Arad is expected to be appointed deputy education minister in the near future, filling Labour's allotment of deputies following Arbelli-Almosino's promotion to minister.

Osem ends dispute with Propper family

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Osem's board of directors reappointed Dan Propper as the company's managing-director on Friday after reaching agreement on the issues in dispute which had led the Propper family to leave the firm earlier this year.

"The managing-director and board of directors will act together in full cooperation and mutual respect," the board announced. It added its thanks to outgoing managing-director Asher Levy for his contribution to the company.

Dan and Gad Propper who had served jointly as the firm's managing-director, left Osem following disputes with other owners that led to the departure of their father Eugen from the board.

"The points of dispute between us no longer exist," Dan Propper told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, but declined to give details of the nature of the dispute.

The Propper family last week informed Osem's board that Gad Propper would not be managing the company with Dan, as before, and would continue running other family enterprises. The brothers drew lots to decide which would return to running Osem.

Shamir on 'first task'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government of Israel sees its task as "consolidating the Jewish presence in all parts of the Land: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and Gaza, the Galilee and the Sharon," prime minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir said last night.

Shamir was speaking to an enthusiastic gathering of the International Christian Embassy's Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma in his first public appearance since being asked by President Herzog to form a new government.

He told the participants from 50 countries, including four from Poland, that the rotation constituted a "unique development in democracy," which could take place only in the "land of the free."

Golan Druse shot in minefield

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFED. — A Druse resident of the Golan Heights was shot and wounded by soldiers on Friday afternoon while apparently attempting to remove a mine from a minefield on the Heights, the IDF spokesman reported yesterday.

The wounded man, from the village of Buk'ata, was later transferred to Rambam Hospital in Haifa for treatment.

He was spotted by an IDF patrol in the minefield near Tel Hamis. The soldiers opened fire when he refused to obey their commands and tried to run away.

Army sources said it was possible the man had been trying to remove a mine for use in a terrorist act.

Jordan FM won't be at father's funeral

Post Middle East Staff

The funeral of Nashaat al-Masri is expected to be held in Nablus today. His son, Taher al-Masri, foreign minister of Jordan, will not be attending the ceremony.

There were widespread rumours yesterday in Nablus, the family's hometown, that Taher al-Masri would attend the funeral. But military sources said that no request had been made by the family or by the family or by Jordanian authorities to permit the minister's visit.

ARMOUR. — An exhibit of tanks and other Armoured Corps equipment will be held during Succot at Kikar Ma'abei Yisrael in Tel Aviv to mark the 30th anniversary of the Sinai Campaign.

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FOREIGN NEWS



Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky (left) and Socialist Party chairman and former chancellor Fred Sinowatz (right) walk along with well-known show star Mariene Charelle, in Vienna, during an election campaign rally. (AFP photo)

Shell group considering pullout from S. Africa

LONDON. — The Royal Dutch Shell group, one of the world's largest oil companies, may cease operations in South Africa, according to an internal company memo published yesterday in *The Daily Telegraph* here.

Shell Chairman John Wilson reportedly stressed that the firm was not considering pulling out in the immediate future. He said it would do so if it began to suffer seriously because of its role in the country.

Shell has come under considerable pressure from anti-apartheid groups in the U.S. and elsewhere because of its large stake in South Africa.

With 2,500 local employees and annual sales of \$1 billion, Shell has the largest role in South Africa of any of the major oil companies.

In Maputo, the Mozambique government accused South Africa of planning an attack and trying to destabilize the government. South African Defence Minister Magnus Malan said during the past week that the Maputo government was on the verge of collapse and suffering the consequences of letting African National Congress guerrillas operate from its territory in planting landmines and bombs in South Africa. ANC leaders operate openly in Mozambique, but the government and the ANC deny that the organization carries out any operations from Mozambique territory.

People fleeing from Mutarara on the border with Malawi say they saw white soldiers commanding guerrillas fighting to overthrow the government of President Samora Machel, a reporter says.

The Marxist government of Mozambique has accused South Africa and Malawi — the only black

nation with an ambassador in Pretoria — of aiding the Mozambique National Resistance, which has control of the lower Zambezi river valley and other parts of the four northern provinces. Both Malawi and South Africa have denied they are aiding the MNR.



Mozambique's President Samora Machel.

A communique from the British Foreign Office in London in the name of the European Economic Community said the EEC was "seriously concerned" at reports that South Africa "might be contemplating military action against Mozambique."

The text also voiced serious concern over Pretoria's announcement of its intention to stop the employment of Mozambican workers in South Africa.

In Johannesburg, South African authorities said yesterday three more black people, including two policemen, were believed to have been killed in unrest in Motherwell township in the Eastern Cape, in Fort Beaufort and in Kwazakhe township near Port Elizabeth. AP

Moscow: "We can and must talk to Reagan"

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A senior Soviet official yesterday said the Reykjavik summit showed that Moscow can and must talk with the Reagan administration.

Valentin Falin, who took part in the superpower arms negotiating sessions in Iceland, was commenting during a television programme on the summit in which Georgy Arbatov, head of Moscow's U.S. and Canada Institute, also took part.

"Of course Reykjavik showed not only how hard it is to agree," said Falin, a former ambassador to West Germany who now heads the official Novosti news agency. "Reykjavik also showed that it is possible, necessary to hold talks, to bring the positions closer, which is what happened," he said.

"Reykjavik showed that we should deal with this administration, that (U.S. President) Reagan is able to talk seriously if he wishes. But when he doesn't want to, that's when you get the insurmountable barriers."

Arbatov, who also participated in the Reykjavik arms sessions, said the Soviet leadership realized that even if a treaty was not signed, the summit discussions brought arms control efforts to a higher level.

"In that sense, Reykjavik was a big success," he said. "But so far it's only a half-success and for our security we need total success."

The Iceland summit collapsed last Sunday night when the American side refused a Soviet demand that an overall arms deal include limits on Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) for a space-based missile shield.

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Reagan have both said they had been close to agreeing on major arms cuts.

President Reagan on Friday compared the "Star Wars" programme to British radar in World War II and said the Soviets had nothing to fear from the futuristic defence.

Reagan said in remarks prepared for a Republican campaign rally that giving up the programme "would have been like (British Prime Minister Neville) Chamberlain giving up radar, as well as Czechoslovakia, at Munich."

"Without radar, it's possible that the RAF wouldn't have been able to beat back the Nazi air assault on England," he said. The president was speaking in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Hindawi now says it was a Mossad plot

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Nezar Hindawi claimed on Friday that he and his Irish girlfriend Ann Murphy had been "tricked" by Israeli intelligence operatives in Syria.

Under cross-examination on the ninth day of his Old Bailey trial, the 32-year-old Jordanian said he had no idea how the drugs he thought had been hidden in Murphy's luggage "became a bomb." Hindawi denies attempting to smuggle a bomb — namely, 1.5 kilos of explosives, a detonator and activated timer — on board on El Al jumbo at Heathrow last April.

"Maybe Khaled Dandesh is a Mossad agent," Hindawi suggested on Friday. Dandesh is the man who Hindawi claims befriended him in a Damascus hotel in January, and hired him to smuggle drugs into Israel.

"Could a Mossad agent in Damascus have got you a Syrian service passport?" asked prosecutor Roy Amlot.

"Why not," replied Hindawi.

"Why would the Mossad pick on you?" "I think that man trapped me, saying that he was a Syrian drug dealer, finding I was agreeing to it. I don't know why he chose me."

Hindawi said he believed it right "to fight the Israelis at the front — soldier to soldier," but that he was "absolutely against" operations such as the one he is charged with attempting.

Later in his cross-examination, Amlot asked Hindawi about various Arab names he had written down for police, in Arabic, in the course of questioning. Among those named was Syrian Air Force Intelligence chief Mohammed el-Khouli. "Were you taken to see el-Khouli in Damascus?" Hindawi was asked. "No."

"Yet you wrote his name down for police."

"I was giving information about what I knew in Syria."

"Did you tell the police that you were introduced to Haithan Said and Mophed Akur?" Amlot asked. (Said the prosecution

alleges, is the Syrian intelligence officer who directed the bomb plot operation.) "No."

"So why were those names written down?"

"The police gave me a list of names and asked me to translate them into Arabic. I'd never heard of Haithan Said."

The trial continues tomorrow.

As Hindawi's trial moves into its third, and surely final week, the case against the self-professed Jordanian journalist is looking grim.

Yet for an entire day, giving testimony in his own defence last Wednesday, Hindawi was little short of brilliant, putting forward a story that seemed to coincide with all the known facts.

Even at that stage, of course, Hindawi was asking the jury to believe that the police wrote out pages of entirely false testimony — for in two written police interviews, Hindawi allegedly confessed to attempting the bombing. But, quite plausibly, he claimed that his reading of English was not good, and that it had been the police custom to read the written

statements to him, and for him to sign them without reading them himself.

Under cross-examination on Thursday and Friday, however, Hindawi's initial calm and sincerity gave way to a mixture of over-cheerfulness when he felt he had made a good point and sullenness when the prosecution had him on the ropes.

Justice Mars-Jones, for one, last week appeared to have made up his mind, becoming increasingly ill-tempered with the defendant as the case proceeded and advising him on Friday that if he didn't start answering the prosecution's questions directly he would be spending many more days in the witness box.

In the end, though, it all comes down to those 12 persons in the jury box. Seven men and five women who'll have to decide this week or next whether Hindawi spends the next 25-30 years in jail and, indeed, whether the Syrian ambassador and Syrian Arab Airlines — both alleged to be deeply involved in the bomb plot — are forced to wind up their respective dealings in the UK.

Prince's 'slitty eyes' gaffe mars trip

KUNMING, China (Reuters). — A Chinese official said yesterday he was amazed by remarks by Queen Elizabeth's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, and a British official said the comments had marred an otherwise successful royal tour of China.

The Duke and Queen Elizabeth spoke to a group of British students while visiting the central Chinese city of Xian Thursday, and one of the students told reporters the Duke had commented light-heartedly that they would end up with "slitty eyes" if they spent too long in China.

Prince Philip was also reported as describing Peking as "ghastly" during the off-the-cuff private chat with the students from Edinburgh University studying Chinese in Xian.

Asked about the Duke's remarks, a Chinese official said, "I can't believe he would have said that. I hope it is not true. Wouldn't he have realised the consequences of saying such a thing?"

"It has certainly taken the edge off what has been a very successful visit," one British official travelling



Philip's eye problems were physical, too. (Reuters)

with the royal couple commented to reporters. The queen and the duke arrived in China last Sunday for a whirlwind

five-city tour, the first to China by a British monarch.

During the trip, the queen has met with China's top leaders, including Deng Xiaoping. The couple have climbed the Great Wall in Peking, been greeted by crowds estimated at more than one million on the streets of Shanghai, viewed the 2,000-year-old terracotta warriors in western Xian and toured exotic Kunming.

After a spectacular dance display by minority inhabitants near Kunming, the duke ushered the queen into position so that photographers could snap them both with the brightly dressed dancers.

"Thank you, sir," shouted one of the British photographers.

"Well I've to do something right sometime," replied the duke.

The couple boarded the royal yacht, Britannia, late last night for a two-day cruise before arriving in Hongkong. It will be the queen's first visit to Hongkong since 1975 and the first since Britain agreed to return the colony to Chinese sovereignty.

Arafat cites pressures on Hussein

CAIRO (AP). — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said in an interview published yesterday that Syrian, Israeli and American pressures forced Jordan to freeze its coordination agreement with his organization.

The state-owned weekly magazine *October* quoted Arafat as saying he regarded the agreement as valid, despite the Jordanian freeze and the accord's abrogation by Fatah and two other groups of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Arafat, who also heads Fatah, said only the Palestine National Council has the power to revoke the agreement with Jordan. The PNC serves as a parliament in exile for the PLO.

The coordination agreement, signed February 11,

1985, outlined a joint Jordanian-Palestinian strategy for peace negotiations with Israel. Jordan's King Hussein last March said he no longer could work with the PLO leadership and broke off coordination talks with Arafat, but stopped short of terminating the accord.

Last September, Fatah, the Moscow-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Palestine Communist Party announced they had abrogated the agreement.

"On our side, the Jordanian agreement stands because it cannot be abrogated except by the Palestine National Council, and neither myself nor anyone else can cancel it," Arafat told the magazine. He did not say whether his own Fatah group acted against his wishes in revoking the agreement.

Iran missile hits Baghdad, sparking Iraqi plea to UN

BAGHDAD. — Iraq has appealed to the UN to intervene to stop Iran firing long-range missiles at the Iraqi capital, state-run radio reported yesterday.

The appeal was contained in a letter sent Friday to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar by Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, the radio said.

It quoted the letter which urged the UN to "take up its responsibility

toward ending the repeated Iranian aggression."

The letter was sent a day after an Iranian missile struck a residential neighbourhood of Baghdad, killing six people and injuring 64 others.

Tehran said it fired its missile at a telecommunications centre in Baghdad in retaliation for Iraqi raids, but there appeared to be no sign of damage to the centre, a Reuters reporter said.

Seoul students, police clash

SEOUL (Reuters). — Riot police fired tear-gas to disperse more than 10,000 students demonstrating against the South Korean government of President Chun Doo Hwan in the streets of Seoul yesterday.

The students shouted: "Away with American and Japanese imperialists," "drive out military dictatorship with constitutional change," and "achieve democratic unification" (with communist North Korea).

Radical students accused Washington and Tokyo, Seoul's main allies, of impeding democracy here by supporting Chun.

The clash came a day after a

member of parliament from the dissent-backed opposition New Korea Democratic Party (NKDP) was arrested for an allegedly pro-communist statement he made in parliament on Tuesday.

Yoo Sung Hwan was charged with violating the national security laws after he told parliament that South Korea's national policy territory should be reunification with North Korea rather than anti-communism.

The opposition party accused the government of fabricating pro-communist charges against Yoo to stifle democracy in the country and vowed to step up "struggles for democratisation."

Britain deports 55 Bangladeshis

LONDON (AFP). — Fifty-five young Bangladeshis were deported from London's Heathrow airport Saturday, the Home Office said.

Some 200 people from the Asian sub-continent were still waiting to be processed by immigration officers but they have been moved from the airport detention centre to temporary accommodation, it added.

The backlog of Asians waiting at Heathrow has now been virtually cleared, an airport official said.

About 4,000 Asians arrived at the airport last weekend ahead of a new requirement Wednesday that nationals from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh obtain a visa before entering Britain.

Chernobyl's legacy: Big power deficit

MOSCOW (AFP). — The Soviet Union is facing a drastic shortage in electricity production due mainly to the Chernobyl disaster, and is to introduce staggered factory hours and other measures to cope with it, it was reported here Saturday.

The authorities, bracing themselves for the winter, have ordered that factories after their hours to ease the load on the electricity grid. Dmitri Protchenko, a member of the Electric Energy Committee, told the weekly *Nedelia*, "The Soviet Union is going to feel the effects of a six million kilowatt deficit."

Rackets uncovered

ROME (AFP). — Two clandestine immigration rings, smuggling Filipinos into Italy, have been dismantled here with the arrest of eight Filipinos and two Italians, police said Saturday.

The rackets operated under cover of an import-export firm and a travel agency in Manila. For a fee of \$3,600 they provided would-be Filipino immigrants with false papers and illegal passage to Italy via West Germany. Thousands of Filipinos work illegally in Italy, most of them women domestic workers.

Italian recognition due for Jehovah's Witnesses

ROME (AFP). — Italy, home of the Vatican, seat of the Roman Catholic Church, is about to recognize the Jehovah's Witnesses as the country's second religion after Roman Catholicism.

On Friday, the Socialist-led coalition government approved a presidential decree, the first step in giving the fundamentalist missionary sect a legal status identical to that already granted Roman Catholics and Protestants and currently under negotiation for Jews.

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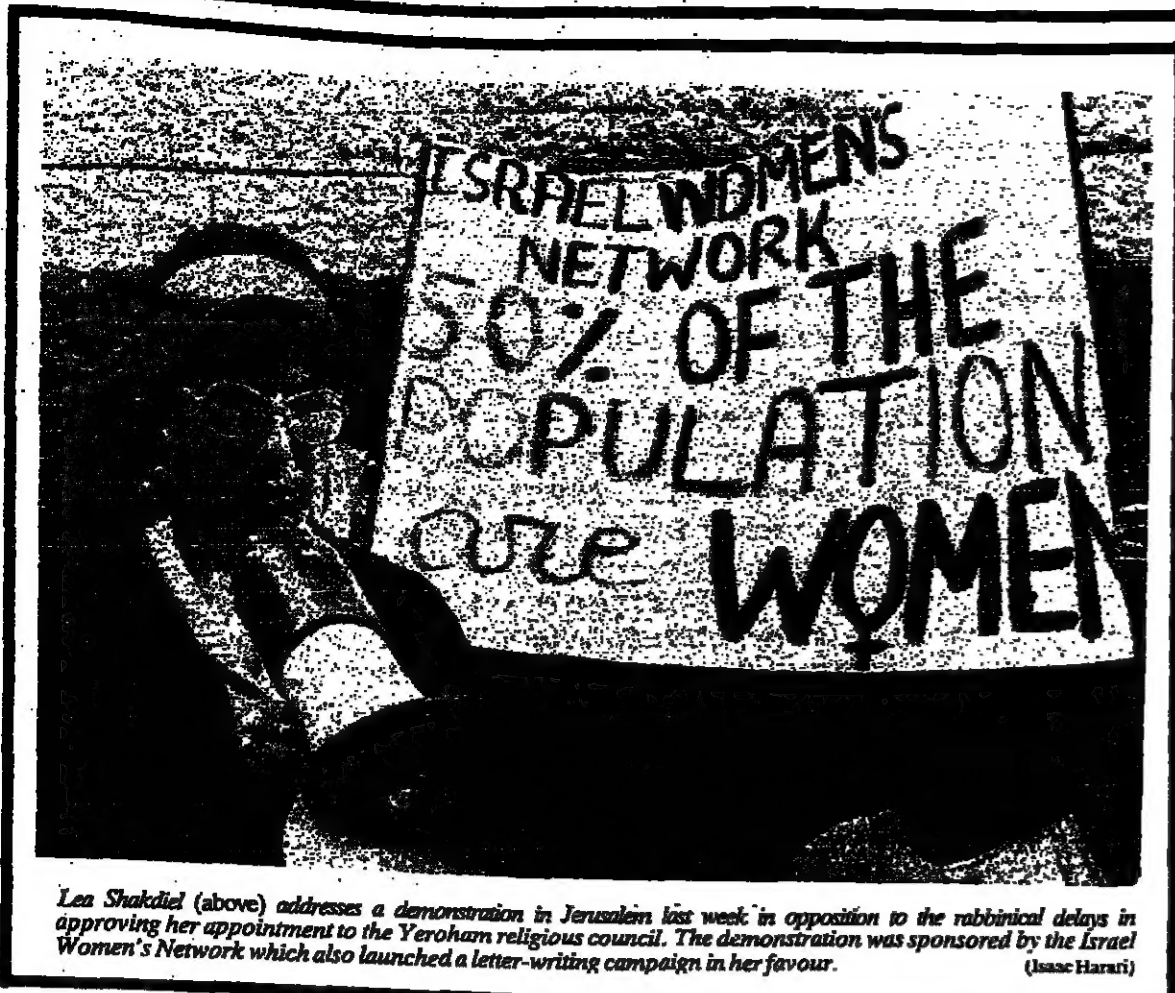
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TODAY



Lea Shukiel (above) addresses a demonstration in Jerusalem last week in opposition to the rabbinical delays in approving her appointment to the Yeroham religious council. The demonstration was sponsored by the Israel Women's Network which also launched a letter-writing campaign in her favour. (Yaacov Harari)

Lending a hand to those in need

"PRAYER, REPENTANCE and charity repeat the harsh decrees," states the High Holiday liturgy.

At two charitable organizations started by Tora scholars, these are words to live by — not only on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, but all year long.

Founded five years ago by the Ponevezh Yeshiva's Rabbi Hananya Cholack, Ezer Mizion (help from Zion) provides medical, psychological and financial help to hundreds of needy persons, both secular and religious.

Cholack administers his far-flung activities from his Bnei Brak home-office with beepers, three telephones and a team of unpaid assistants.

Close to 60 organization volunteers drive sick and crippled persons to clinics or appointments. Others provide home care to the aged and infirm and psychiatric patients receive regular visits from "home callers." High school and seminary students lend a hand to mothers with large families.

Leah Abramowitz

One such mother even began to volunteer for Ezer Mizion herself as a self-prescribed form of "occupational therapy." She soon discovered that she had a special knack for counselling young victims of leukemia and their parents.

Medical assistance is a mainstay of Ezer Mizion. Cholack consults with local specialists about complex medical problems, and on their recommendations, has helped patients travel abroad for treatments unavailable here.

Ezer Mizion also operates a Gema (Gemilut Hasadim) providing interest-free loans to businesses and individuals. The organization also assists in prisoner rehabilitation and marriage counselling and places children in foster homes.

Since many of the volunteers are Orthodox, some prospective clients are, at first, reluctant to accept their help.

"Are you trying to make me into a ba'al t'shuva?" a man in need of a loan asked frankly. Ezer Mizion has no ulterior motives, except to help people, Cholack assured him.

A SIMILAR organization is Shvil Hahesed (the "path of kindness"), based in Jerusalem and operated by the Hebron Yeshiva's Aaron Nesher.

The organization supplies food and other essentials to the needy, and provides home care for the aged and bedridden.

For a young handicapped girl, abandoned by her family, visits and phone calls from Shvil Hahesed volunteers are her only form of human contact.

Nesher's corps of volunteers include Orthodox matrons and yeshiva as well as secular high school students.

The offices are located in a charming little synagogue, near the Mahane Yehuda market, where Nesher's grandfather once served as rabbi. In addition to his Hessed work, Nesher also works in that capacity.

"MAZAL TOV" is usually considered more appropriate to say after a wedding than a divorce, but Daniella Valency, who recently got a divorce after a 12-year wait, thinks congratulations are in order.

"I finally feel like a free citizen," she said after the long-awaited get was granted.

Within a month after her wedding 16 years ago, Valency knew she wanted a divorce. Nevertheless, she remained with her husband for four years, had a child and tried to make the marriage work. In 1974, when she realized that there was no hope, she left home with her son and sued for divorce.

Since then, Valency spent her time going from one rabbinical court to another.

There are some *dayanim* (rabbinical court judges) who say outright that they have never required a husband to give a divorce against his will, and don't ever intend to pass such a judgement," she said.

"In Tunis, where I was born, rabbis granted a divorce against the husband's will when the marriage was obviously doomed and he was just being stubborn. Rabbinical court judges [here] have this chauvinistic idea that women shouldn't be allowed out of their marriages too easily because maybe every woman in the country will want to leave her husband. That, of course, is nonsense."

Over the years, Valency tried every possible way of extricating herself from her meaningless marriage. She was one of three women in similar circumstances who was granted a "beneficial divorce" from Rabbi Moshe Antelman, an American Orthodox rabbi who — like the rabbis in Tunis — believes courts have the right to free a woman whose husband is binding her out of stubbornness.

"The rabbis here wouldn't accept his divorce. They claimed he was a Reform rabbi and accused him of all sorts of things. Ironically, his divorce would have made me a free woman in any other country, but in Israel it was not considered valid," she said wryly.

Valency tried several times to appeal to the high rabbinical court. The first two attempts were unsuccessful. The rabbi said the decision of the lower court was binding and that she should return to her husband, who claimed to want *shalom bayit* reconciliation.

She appealed a third time, however, and Rabbi Mordecai Elyahu finally agreed to render a judgment ordering her husband to divorce her.

"It's ironic, but I think that what helped me that time was the fact that my lawyer, absconded with my money — and money from other women in similar straits — and I was left with no money and no lawyer. I therefore had to represent myself."

Valency recalled: "I spoke not only on my own behalf but on behalf

'Free at last'

Lea Levavi

of the thousands of other women — there are statistics that say that 7,500 Israeli women are trapped in marriages because their husbands won't grant divorces. I appealed to the rabbis' sense of reason. They tried to tell me that some of what I was saying was not to the point, but they listened, which I don't think they would have done if I had been a lawyer."

Rabbi Elyahu's judgment was only the beginning of the road to a divorce. Valency's husband now had three months to give her a divorce; if he didn't, the court would reconvene to decide whether he should be compelled. In fact, she explained, it took a year until the court made that decision.

"I had to send the material to the attorney general and from there it went to a lawyer in the state attorney's office. She kept asking for more and more documents, and one day told me that she didn't understand the reason for the divorce and wasn't sure the attorney-general would agree to take action against my husband."

Finally, Valency and her husband were called before a judge.

"He gave my husband two days to divorce me or to come back ready to go to jail. It turned out not to be so simple. My husband said he would give me a divorce if the rabbinical court gave him an appointment to do so, but he missed three such appointments — the first time supposedly because of illness and the other times without bothering to give an excuse. The judge called us back in and gave my husband a final ultimatum."

The rabbinical courts were then on summer vacation, and there was a problem validating the divorce. Rabbi Elyahu personally had to arrange it the day he got back from his own vacation.

WHILE she has her divorce, Valency has not given up the battle. Several years ago, she founded an organization which helps women fight for fair treatment in the rabbinical courts.

Today she plans to continue to serve as chairman of the Association to Aid Agunot (deserted wives).

"Too many people suffer in these situations," she asserted. "The women suffer but I think the children have it harder than children whose parents are divorced."

"The men seem to have the best of both worlds, since they can take a mistress and have children by her without the children being *mamzerim* (bastards). But they suffer, too. They can't have a normal family life and the woman with whom they live, who is not at fault in the situation, is denied the right to get married."

Recently, Ruth Yahalom, whose

divorce cases was stuck for 23 years in the rabbinical courts, got her get. Valency sees this case as symptomatic of the problem as much as of the solution.

Her husband went to a rabbi about something else entirely and the rabbi tried to convince him to give her get. "You caught me in a weak moment," he told the rabbi. "If you arrange it right away, I'll grant it, but hurry up or I'll change my mind."

"She got her get, but why should a woman in this country be dependent on her husband's whims," argued Valency.

Many women give up and stop trying to get a divorce: "Just in the few days since my divorce, women have called me and told me they waited 16 or 20 years and had stopped trying. Now, encouraged by my success, they want to try again."

Anyone interested in contacting Daniella Valency or her association may write to POB 30953, Tel Aviv 61316, or call (03) 771430.

Sense of drama

Greer Fay Cashman discovers lots of opulence and volume in fashions designed by Ada Brodski.

ADA BRODSKI is an up-and-coming young fashion designer with a strong sense of the dramatic and a theatrical flair which should occasionally be punctuated with a little more common sense. Fashion is supposedly meant to be flattering and one would imagine that in the torrent of revival fever some level-headed designer would stand back and take a long, hard look at yesterday's mistakes, so as not to repeat them.

Alas, some of them are worse than they were the first time around, with strangely mixed proportions which only very tall, slim women can wear effectively. The slits and cut-outs, the drapes and the wraps, which made fashion headlines anywhere between 30-60 years ago are still aiming in that direction, but too often they are in dire need of additional revamping.

Several of Brodski's designs appear both in wool and in opulent evening fabrics — mostly metallics. In wool, the wide shouldered, tapering garments exude a certain *elan* which becomes elusive in lurex.

Brodski is at her best in knits, teaming marvellous voluminous sweaters and cardigans with pencil-slim ribbed skirts or stove pipe leggings. For those who have both the courage and the figure to wear it, a black generously sleeved cardigan with a deep, draped lurex hip-band and a draped lurex collar — worn with black knitted tights and high-heeled pumps — looks super. So does the grey low-slung cross-over sweater and matching maxi skirt. There's a cardigan option for those who don't like sweaters.

Unable to take a firm stand on length, Brodski moves from ankle-grazing maxis up to mid-thigh minis. She is also at variance in the lengths and shapes of her jackets, the only common denominator being broad, square, padded shoulders. There is



Sparkles, two-tone contrasts and tapering feature strongly in Brodski's dramatic designs.

(Sammy Ben-Gad)



definite promise in her two-tone, wool coat-dresses and her smart two-piece ensembles combining black with brilliant green, blues, pinks or

purples. Brodski's retail prices are quite reasonable, ranging from NIS 150-290. She charges slightly more for

made-to-measure garments at her studio at 13 Tzadok Hachohen Street in Tel Aviv. Brodski's ready-to-wear items are stocked by most boutiques

In the name of comfort

Diana Lerner reports on local successes at the recent ready-to-wear fashion show in Paris.

classic dress. Dressy wear will have a cleaner line as asymmetry and drape fade out. Denims will go everywhere — for every occasion.

A major event in which 90 per cent of French ready-to-wear manufacturers and 200 foreign exhibitors usually participate, the Pret-a-Porter this year was marred by heavy security and lowered attendance. The Americans were almost totally absent as were many other foreign exhibitors and buyers. Thus, business centered mainly around the domestic market.

ISRAELI's Gortex nevertheless drew record crowds throughout the entire five-day period, their five models holding non-stop shows.

Orders surpassed those of last year, reported company head Judith Gottfried.

Besides the firm's traditionally strong European market, new customers from Greece, the Caribbean and Egypt emerged, making Gortex participation very worthwhile. Gottfried confirmed as she readied herself for a return to Paris and Milan for *haute couture* shows.

Pret-a-Porter is becoming more and more insular — an event for French fashion makers and not outsiders, according to local designer Gideon Oberson, who nonetheless anticipated a 30 to 40 per cent increase in ready-to-wear sales for his swimwear and cover-ups. Oberson's two models worked round the clock

at their booth. Both Israeli firms were represented at the Pret-a-Porter swimwear show — a daily highlight — and both won thunderous applause.

"Clients placed orders, and did not just come to look at us as in Düsseldorf," Oberson observed.

Some of the French fashion houses held private showings during the week — in traditional style — not at elegant hotels, but in tents and pavilions near parks and circus grounds or sports stadiums.

LOCAL designer and chief buyer for Hamashbir Lazarchan, Ruth Tatarko, was also not disappointed with the show. She regularly visits Paris and Milan fashion events to keep up with trends.

Israeli shops are getting to be almost as fast turnover-wise as those elsewhere, she confirms, and local designers are definitely up-to-date in their fashions, compared to those from overseas.

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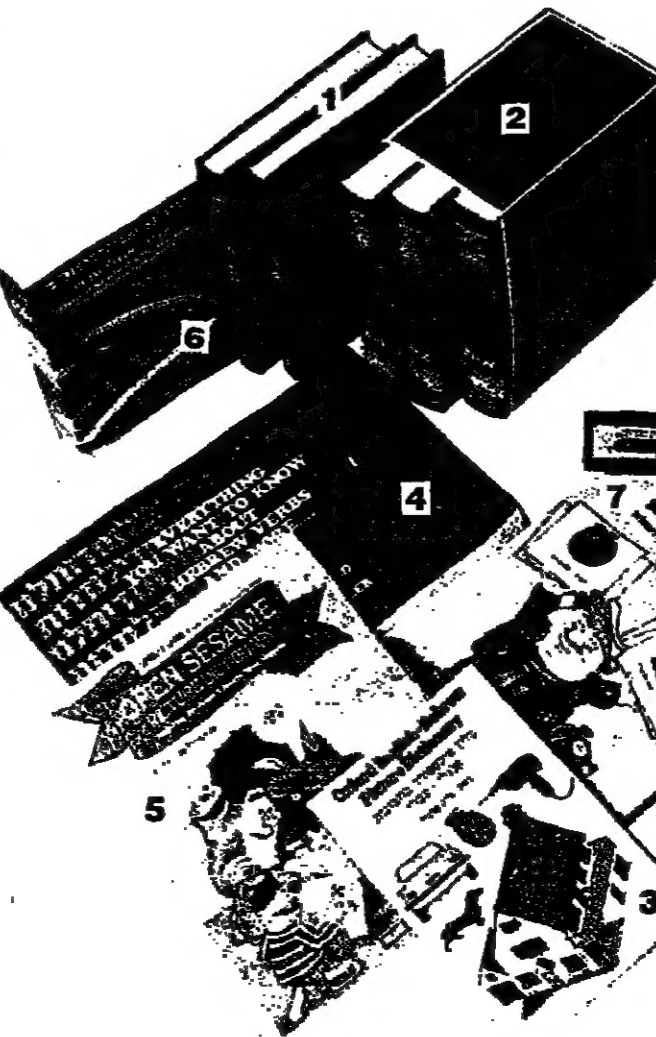
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Official lashes out at industrial sector

'Israeli firms badly managed'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The industrial sector's financial straits were caused by faulty management, which often failed to distinguish between reasonable investment risks and reckless business ventures, an internal memorandum prepared by Industry and Trade Ministry Deputy General Director David Brodet, charges.

Accusing industrial plants of taking unnecessary risks and of negligence, Brodet wrote that most of the concerns that had applied for government aid were in trouble due to management shortcomings.

The main problems he found were failure to adequately forecast the changes in the market or to hedge risks by finding varied and alterna-

tive markets. Many companies failed to adapt to technological changes or use their financial resources efficiently. Many, he wrote, were under-capitalized, mostly due to many years of high inflation.

Brodet, who is also head of the ministry's planning and economics administration, said the government's economic stabilization programme created the conditions that exposed these long-festering problems in management. However, although the sharp rise in interest rates may have been hard to foresee, all the other changes in the economy precipitated by the programme could have been dealt with by the private sector had their management acted quickly and rationally, Brodet continued.

In small companies, a single manager could easily be overwhelmed by problems in financing, marketing, personnel and technological changes, which is understandable, Brodet says.

But bigger companies also proved unable in many cases to discern business problems in time. Brodet wrote, pointing in particular to the kibbutz industries.

"The plants did not distinguish between legitimate risks, which are part of routine business, and risks that are adventures and 'shlemielism,' believing that some outside factor would save the plant from its difficulties," Brodet wrote.

The ministry, Brodet said, would help industrial plants which are basically healthy, while examining the necessary improvements required to correct their flaws.

British joblessness drops sharply

LONDON (AP). - The number of people out of work in Britain fell by 22,000 in September to 3.19 million, or 11.6 per cent of the work-force, the government said Thursday.

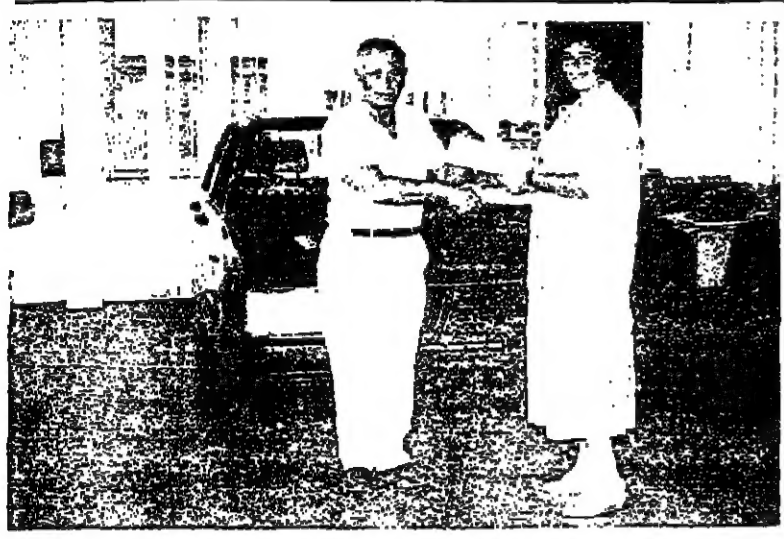
It was the first time in 10 months that unemployment has fallen in Britain and was the sharpest monthly decline since Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979.

The figures, adjusted for seasonal variations, represented a 0.1 point fall in the jobless rate from 11.7 per cent in August.

Unadjusted figures showed total unemployment rose by 52,791 in September to 3,332,897, the Department of Employment said. They included 48,000 young people who left school this summer and could not find work.

Employment Secretary Lord Young said the figures "can only give encouragement to all concerned."

Britain's 2.6 million self-employed people were counted into the labour force for the first time in June, bringing the unemployment rate down sharply from 13.1 per cent.



Dafna Assaf accepts a free airline ticket to Turin - home of Fiat - as the 1,000th Fiat buyer in Israel in September. Fiat sold 1,124 cars here last month, making it the biggest selling European import in Israel.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shlomo Knoller was appointed general manager of Rogosin Enterprises Ltd., a maker of yarns and fabrics. Knoller was previously deputy general manager of Kitan Ltd., forming and managing Kitan's

domestic marketing network. During the past three years he served as Kitan's deputy general manager for export, and organized and managed the company's marketing network in the U.S.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES/Michael Yudelman

Shuffle at Charles Levine



Isracard's Haim Miller

A major reorganization has taken place at Charles Levine Communications, the Jerusalem public affairs and media relations firm. Martin Saffer has been appointed head of a new division called CLC Development, which will provide marketing, organizational and fund raising services to clients in Israel and abroad.

Ze'ev Golan has been promoted to the position of director of media services. Melanie Rosenberg has been named senior account executive. Bracha Osofsky will head CLC's Advertising Division.

Nahum Sharpman has been appointed manager of National Semiconductor's Planning Centre in Herzliya. Sharpman, 39, who has MA and Ph.D. in high-energy nuclear physics, is a native of Yavne' and began working in National Semiconductor in 1980. In his new appointment he is replacing Asher Kaminker who was appointed the

company's chief engineer in Israel. As part of his new position, Kaminker will spend a year in the company's headquarters in California.

HAIM MILLER takes over as manager for marketing and overseas relations at Isracard Ltd., a unit of Bank Hapoalim. He replaces AMOS AMIRAN, who will be joining Hapoalim's Canadian subsidiary. Miller formerly held a variety of posts with Hapoalim, most recently as personnel and marketing manager. He received his masters of business administration from Tel Aviv University.

Jordan airline changing name, image

AMMAN (AP). - The kingdom's national airline, Alia, is changing its name, its colours and its marketing goals in a push for bigger-spending customers, an airline spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, Hussein Dabbas, said the airline will be known as Royal Jordanian as of Dec. 15, maintaining the "Alia" name as a label

for its first-class service. The carrier is in the process of repainting its planes so that gold and red stripes divide the dark-gray top of the plane from the white-painted bottom.

"It's a complete image change... aiming at high-yield passengers," Dabbas said, referring to business and first-class fliers.



MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/ Alan George

Bridge to mainland worried Bahrainis

An \$850 million 24 kilometre causeway across the Persian Gulf linking Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province with Bahrain is expected to be officially opened in November, nearly a year later than originally scheduled.

As work on the scheme has progressed, however, the project has become the subject of growing controversy. In Bahrain, the politically influential merchant families fear the economic impact of the new route, while the Saudis are concerned at the possible impact on their conservative society.

Construction of the causeway itself was completed early this year by the formerly Dutch but now Saudi-owned Ballast Nedam Group. However, the customs posts and approach roads are still being built. The \$80m. approach roads contract

was awarded in March 1985 to two Saudi firms, Al-Khodari Establishment and Nassir Hazza and Brothers.

The original opening date had been December 16 last year, coinciding with Bahrain's National Day. Shortly before, however, it was announced that commissioning would be delayed until early 1986 as the work, and notably the approach roads from the Bahraini capital of Manama, was well behind schedule.

The delays have not been wholly unwelcome. A joint Bahraini-Saudi committee has been wrestling, so far without success, with a series of thorny issues raised by the causeway. The influential Bahraini merchant community is lobbying for high tariffs and customs duties on cargo and consumer goods entering the islands across the causeway. They fear that their Saudi counterparts, who benefit from import subsidies, discounts because of their higher volume sales and generally lower import duties, will be in a position to prosper at their expense.

A recent survey of 500 Bahraini merchants showed that 82 per cent thought that they would face intense competition from Saudi traders, and 96 per cent believed that the Saudis would corner a significant part of Bahrain's import trade.

For their part, the Saudis, who are funding the project, are demanding

tight immigration controls. They are concerned at the prospect of a flood of unemployed Bahrainis seeking work in the kingdom, particularly as many could have militant political views.

Shi'ite Moslems form over half the Bahraini population, and are seen by Iran as a potential breeding ground for fundamentalist revolutionaries. Most of Saudi Arabia's Shi'ite Moslems, meanwhile, live in the Eastern Province, and see themselves as neglected by the Sunni Moslem establishment.

In the past, the province has suffered unrest, particularly around the town of Qatif, where Shi'ites are in the majority.

Riyadh also wants tight immigration controls to guard against threats to its conservative social customs. Lifestyles in Bahrain are far more westernized. Alcohol, banned in Saudi Arabia, is freely available. The scope for problems was amply demonstrated in March, when coachloads of Saudi football fans used the causeway to visit Bahrain for a Gulf Cup match. While on the island, the fans deeply embarrassed the Saudi authorities by getting drunk. The causeway was not used for subsequent matches.

While Bahraini merchants are anxious, however, other sections of the

business community are unreservedly looking forward to the causeway's opening. Western expatriates now living in Saudi Arabia's oil-rich Eastern Province will very likely move home to Bahrain in large numbers, leading to sharp increases in Bahraini residential property prices.

A bigger expatriate community, together with the expected influx of Saudi and other business and pleasure visitors should boost hotel occupancy rates and airline ticket sales and give a fillip to Bahrain's offshore banks, which have recently been buffeted by the general business slow-down in the Gulf in the wake of falling oil prices.

Attractive as these potential benefits are, however, they could prove largely unattainable if customs and immigration controls on traffic across the causeway are too tight.

With only weeks to go before the grand opening, the Saudi-Bahraini committee is now under pressure to find solutions. The interests of the Bahraini banking, real estate, tourist and transport sectors must be reconciled with Saudi Arabia's immigration concerns. A solution must be found to the potential conflict between Saudi and Bahraini traders. If deadlock persists, the opening of one of the Gulf's most ambitious and prestigious projects could be delayed still further.

(London Observer Service)

Oil prices, arms sales and weather hold Soviet economy hostage

By ANDREW WILSON
MOSCOW. - The Soviet economy is hostage to three factors over which, for all the new leadership's wondrous working resolve, the planners have no control - the price of oil, the arms market in the less developed countries and the weather.

The first two are, of course interconnected, since hard currency arms buying by Middle East clients such as Libya and Iraq have directly followed from the energy crisis.

The Soviet Union is also the world's largest oil producer, and exports of oil and natural gas to the West are its largest external trade item.

Soviet oil production was already entering a more difficult phase before the recent price drop. Expansion in the late 1970s and early 1980s came from exploiting, often wastefully, the most accessible deposits. Under the new five- and 15-year plans, this exploitation will require much more investment.

The price fall, in dollars, is a much more serious problem, especially when compounded with the drop in the dollar value itself.

Only last month the Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studies forecast that the Soviet Union would lose about \$7 billion, one-third of its foreign exchange revenue, this year because of the oil-price drop.

And this was based on the - optimistic it now appears - assumption that OPEC would succeed in raising the world oil price by an agreed cut in output, and that Soviet earnings would average out at \$17 a barrel.

According to the Austrian institute, Soviet earnings would be cut by a further \$5.5b. because of the dollar exchange rate.

Last year, Soviet arms exports to the non-Communist world (the crucial hard-currency-earning: one-fifth of its total arms exports) fell by a quarter.

After the three previous record years, it looks like being at least a decade in which, political ups and downs apart, sales will in most cases have to be made at a discount.

The natural fall-back would be to increase exports of gold, platinum and diamonds, of which the Soviet Union is the world's second largest supplier. But to do so would further weaken a market already threatened by sales from South Africa - and for the moment the Soviet Union is trying to avoid this.

The fall in foreign exchange earnings could hardly have come at a worse moment from the standpoint of Mikhail Gorbachev's aim of bringing Russia into the 20th century before the rest of the world moves on to the 21st.

Foreign exchange is now desperately needed for the purchase of Western technology and plant with which to modernize industry, marketing and the economy in general. In the event, the planners appear to have pared down acquisi-

tions to the most urgent priorities, with particular emphasis on conservation measures - such as food processing plants to cut down the present huge wastage in storage and transit.

Last year food imports, notably of wheat, accounted for more than a quarter of all Soviet imports from the West, eating up foreign exchange earnings. Improved agricultural yields are vital, both to free foreign exchange resources for technology imports and to produce, in the most visible and immediate form, the improved standard of living to which the Communist Party pledged itself at February's 27th congress.

But nature has not been helpful. An early summer drought, affecting nearly all the country's wheat-growing areas, is expected to cut this year's crop, now being harvested, to about 170 million metric tons, compared with last year's 190 million tons. ("Estimated," because for several years now grain figures have not been published, and estimates have to be based on U.S. satellite observations and other outside evidence.)

Now, in some areas, harvests are being complicated by persistent September rain.

Against this troubled background the promised turn-round of the domestic economy has yet to appear. The picture is not entirely negative, however. In recent weeks a few of the incentives needed to encourage more conscientious (and profitable) work have begun to appear in the cities - a modestly enlarged range of household goods and, more impor-

tant still, fresher and more plentiful farm produce.

(In Moscow the improvement in produce distribution has been achieved by the simple expedient of sacking indolent officials and instituting direct street sales from the state and collective farms' own lorries. At a higher level, the management of three of Moscow's leading food stores have been given sentences of up to 15 years for corruption.)

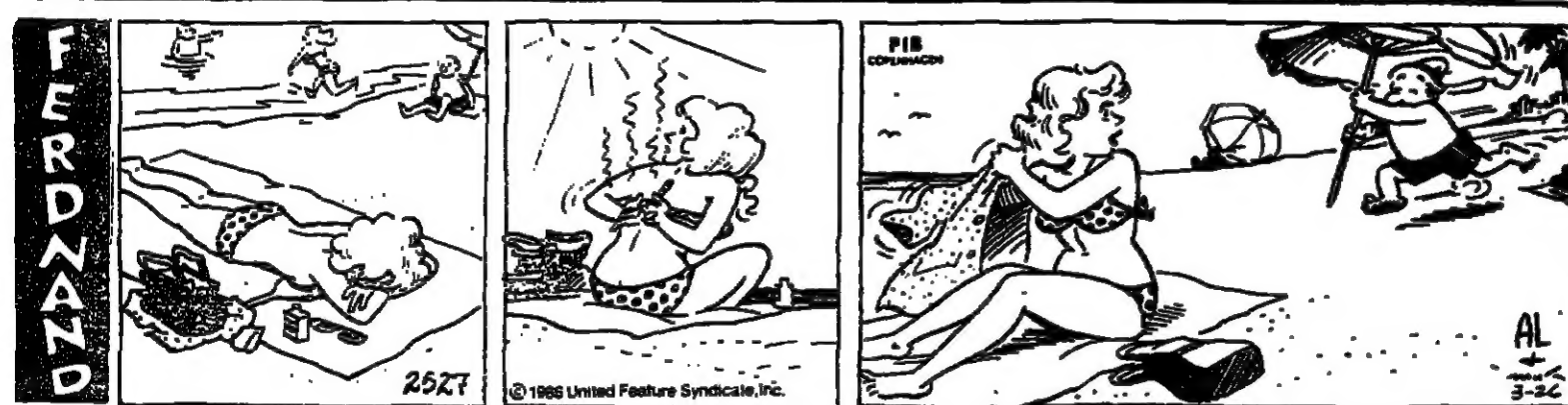
Elsewhere, particularly in the go-ahead Baltic republics, promising results are starting to appear from the institution of so-called family brigades - small enterprises (farms, shops, workshops) manned and managed by one or two families, under state supervision but with many of the incentives of a family business in the West.

Less happy has been the re-enactment of a draconian law against "unearned income," which has overnight killed off a whole class of "middlemen," whose activities, although frowned on, provided the lower levels of the economy with an indispensable element of flexibility.

Much more important, in the long run, should be the effect of Gorbachev's campaigns against corruption and alcoholism, which have for years sapped the economy of any hope of realising its 'social potential.'

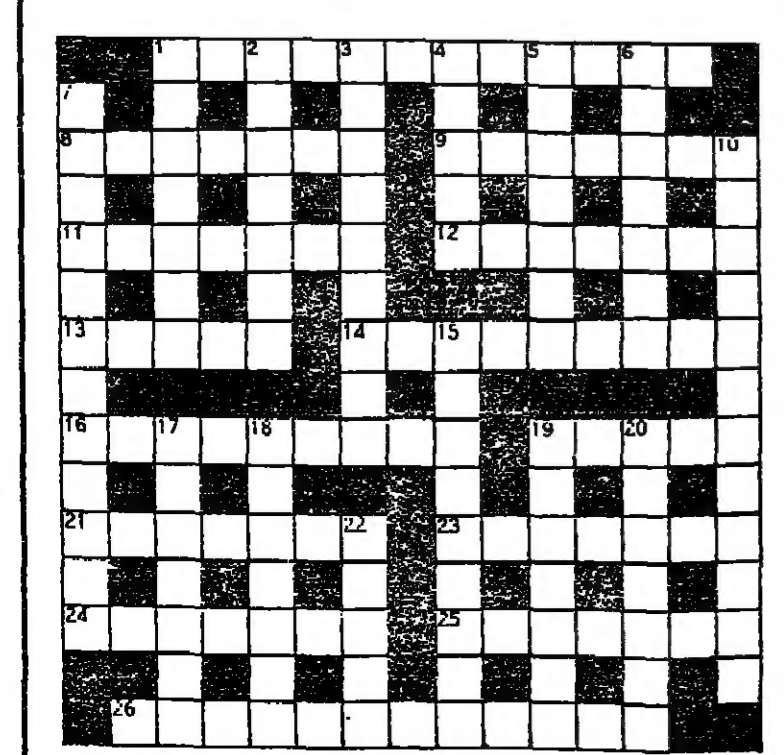
No big turn-round is likely to be possible without some liberalisation in areas other than the economy itself, and of this there is still too little sign. But, against all the difficulties, a modest improvement does indeed seem to be in view.

(London Observer Service)



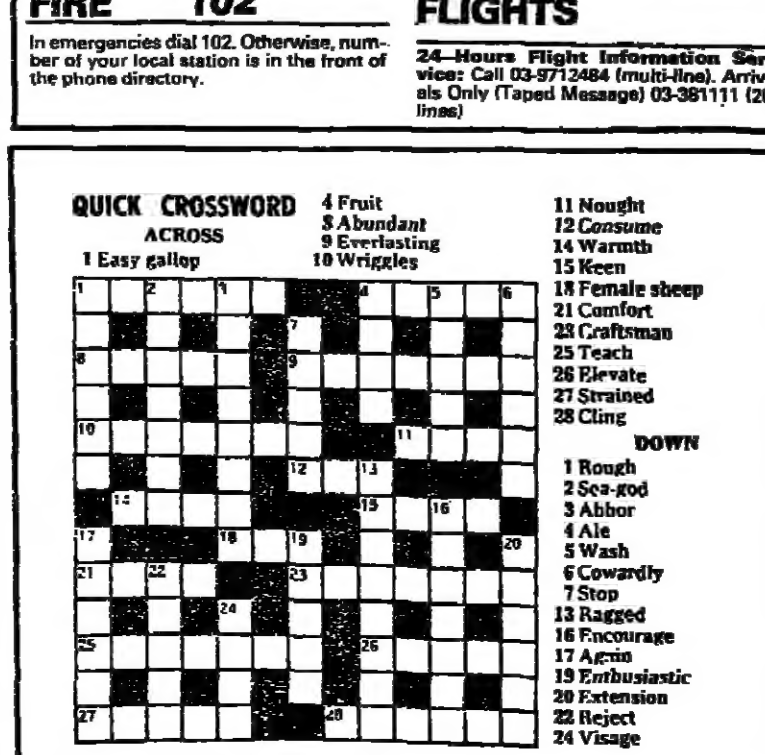
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| 12 Issue some order to the man, a temporary helper (7) | 5 Hard extremity can give rise to elation (3-4) |
| 13 One's allowed a small piece of land (5) | 6 People performing naturally wouldn't do it (7) |
| 14 Finding the English superior in range of colours for decoration (8) | 7 No seats available at the wedding by proxy? (8-4) |
| 15 The French male remains in control (5) | 10 A man with a moving role in the live theatre (5-7) |
| 16 Makes teenagers obstreperous (3) | 15 The fool worker will go around first - or second (9) |
| 19 The French male remains in control (5) | 17 Write up some music for a deity (7) |
| 21 Resisted work - struck an attitude (7) | 18 The intention is to find a different answer (7) |
| 23 Dispatched money abroad. Swell! (4,3) | 19 Pine and silver duck - ancient (4-5) |
| 24 Fearful woman with nothing for retirement (7) | 20 Go on sea, possibly get awful pains (7) |
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Brailovsky shines as Haifa go to top

PAUL KOHN
Another brilliant performance by Daniel Brailovsky, the new immigrant from Argentina, yesterday inspired Maccabi Haifa to a 3-1 win over Betar Tel Aviv that took Haifa to the top of the National League.

Maccabi Haifa replaced Maccabi Tel Aviv as front-runners in the league following the Tel Avivians' 1-2 defeat at the feet of ambitious Hapoel Kfar Sava (see separate story). Bnei Yehuda moved into second place after a 3-1 home win over luckless Betar Netanya.

The Haifaites gave early warning of their intentions with a second minute goal by Nir Klinger, who cracked a pass from Brailovsky past goalkeeper Nissim Djerbi from 22 metres out. Against the run of play, Betar Tel Aviv levelled just before half-time with a glancing header by David Lavie, playing his first season with Betar following a transfer from Maccabi Netanya.

In the 67th minute, Brailovsky was dribbling threateningly into the Betar penalty area when he was brought down by three defenders. He took the penalty spot kick and made no mistake. Five minutes later Haifa's international goalkeeper Avi Ran, passed by Nissim Cohen, caught Cohen by the leg. Ronnie Tzemach took the resultant penalty spot kick, but his weak shot caused Ran no trouble at all. Zahi Arneli clinched the 3-1 result after a superb double passing move with Baruch Matman, two minutes before the end.

Hezi Shirazi, a 17-year-old playing his first season in the National League, is fast emerging as a bright new Bnei Yehuda star. Yesterday he scored his third goal of the season. In the 42nd minute, Eyal Haim opened the scoring. Shirazi added his goal early in the second half, and 35-year-old Ehud Ben Tovim, for long the "King of the Haikva Quarter," added the third in the 88th minute. It



I WANT TO GO HOME. Uri Malmilian would be happier at YMCA than he was yesterday at the Bloomfield Stadium. (Guthmann)

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WORLD SERIES

Champagne marks end of 'Boston choke'

BOSTON (Reuters). — Jubilation, champagne and a long sigh of relief were the hallmarks of the Boston Red Sox clubhouse celebration as the team rejoiced over their first American League Championship pennant in 11 years.

"This has been a long time coming. I'll tell you that," said veteran right-fielder Dwight Evans, echoing the sentiments of most of his teammates.

The 8-4 victory over the California Angels in the seventh game of the playoff series was especially sweet for the Sox because they did not turn in, as so many had predicted, "another Boston choke."

The Sox have a history of losing the final game of a series, whether it be the playoffs or the World Series. The club has not won the World Series since 1918.

"It was destiny," said centerfielder Dave Henderson, whose home run in game five saved the series for the Sox, then down three games to one in the best-of-seven. "You could see it in the guys' eyes."

"I did it. We did it," he added. "That champagne tastes awfully good. It's good for the blood."

Best of all, said the players, they

got to win at home, in ancient Fenway park, before their faithful fans.

"It was great to be able to come home and win," said Bill Buckner, "It's just what we needed."

Several of the Sox players rewarded the fans by throwing their caps into the stands at the final out. Then, minutes after entering the clubhouse, they returned to the field, their stars soaked with champagne, to share the celebration with the Fenway faithful.

For the reporters in the clubhouse, many of whom predicted at the start of the season that the team would finish no higher than fifth in the American League East, the Sox gleefully gave them champagne showers.

The newly quiet Jim Rice, who along with Evans is the only player to remain from the team that won the 1918 pennant, spoke of the scepticism that dogged the Sox all season.

"During spring training everyone doubted the Sox. They put us in fifth place. But we made believe out of them."

The Red Sox took first place in the Eastern Division of the American League on May 12 and never relinquished it.

For many of the players the win will mean their first trip to the World Series, and, as first baseman Buckner put it, "It's just too much to handle right now."

Don Baylor, who emerged as the team's leader after being acquired from the New York Yankees last year, seemed stunned by it all, and said softly, several times, "I've waited 15 years for this."

The Mets have the best record in baseball this year, but Boston's shortstop Spike Owen said: "We're not worrying about the Mets. We're just worrying about ourselves."

As ace reliever Calvin Schiraldi put it, when asked about the Mets, "Anything is possible. We proved that."

Only time will tell if one or both of the teams will be emotionally up or down for the World Series after their improbable comebacks against the California Angels and Houston Astros. Sand began running through that hourglass late last night (after midnight Israel time) as game 1 got underway in New York.

Even though he probably won't play because of a knee injury, former Mets superstar Tom Seaver, now with the Red Sox, could produce enough emotional energy by himself to perk up the whole Boston team.

"For me going back to Shea Stadium will certainly involve a very strange feeling," Seaver said of the opening game. "I spent some great years there. But there is no question about who I will be putting for to win."

American League playoff most-valuable-player Marty Barrett said the Red Sox watched the Mets-Astros game on television on Wednesday afternoon.

"We were watching with great



WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT? The Mets' Gary Carter is all smiles as he shows off his new headgear. (Reuters)

enthusiasm," Barrett said. "The Mets came back on Houston. That game for the Mets was like their seventh because I don't know how good they would look if they had to face Mike Scott again."

CRICKET India thrash Aussie bowlers

BOMBAY (AP). — Three centuries, and a marathon record-shattering partnership by Indians Dilip Vengsarkar and Ravi Shastri yesterday placed Australia under pressure to save the third and final cricket Test match here.

India declared their first innings closed at 517 for five, giving them a lead of 172 runs over Australia. It was the highest-ever total by India against Australia on their own soil.

Australian openers David Boon and Geoff Marsh batted for nine overs and scored nine runs in the second innings before stumps were drawn on the fourth day of the match. Surrounded by half-a-dozen close-in fielders, Boon ballooned a bat-and-pad catch to slip point off spinner Maninder Singh but Mohammed Azharuddin missed it.

The 200-run partnership between Vengsarkar and Shastri was the highest ever for any wicket between India and Australia. It broke the 39-year-old record of Don Bradman and A.C. Brown registered for the second wicket at Adelaide.

Australia 345 and 98. India 517/5 dec. (Vengsarkar 163, Vengsarkar 164 not out, Shastri 121 not out, Matthews 4 for 125).

In Bangalore, Australia, England blasted 491 runs in 360 minutes for the loss of four wickets at the expense of Queensland Country XI on the first day of the clash which opened the English tour of Australia yesterday.

Captain Mike Gatting led the rout with 171 in 140 minutes on his first tour of Australia. At Stumps, Ian Botham is unbeaten on 52 made in 20 minutes with seven fours and two sixes and the more patient Bill Athey unbeaten on 73 after 163 minutes at the crease.

In Perth, West Indies beat Pakistan by four wickets in the first one-day cricket international yesterday.

CAESAREA GOLF: Sailors at play

CAESAREA. — Vice-Admiral Kendal Morandine, commander of the Sixth Fleet and Captain Jack Moriarty, skipper of the USS Kennedy, together with 50 American sailors, played yesterday in the first ever Sixth Fleet-Caesarea Golf Club Tournament.

The winners of the best-ball competition were Lieut.-Commander Charles Marneau and Lieut. Robert McChesney, with an outstanding 7-under-par 66 gross.

MATCH REPORT

For Kfar Sava it was Purim

By MIKE SCHWARTZ
Hapoel Kfar Sava could not have presented their supporters with a better Succot present than the stunning 2-1 victory they harvested against Maccabi Tel Aviv at Bloomfield yesterday. The result, however, is no reflection of a pulsating match that was dominated territorially almost totally by Maccabi.

So what went wrong for the team that has been widely tipped to win the title this year? Maccabi ooze confidence. The Gariani-Machness combination, strummed up a number of opening minute chances, but the lion-hearted Dricks failed to continue his goal-a-game run, by converting opening minute headers.

In the 27th minute, Kfar Sava shocked the 12,000 crowd by opening the scoring. Maimon, their left-winger, winked his way to the by-line. He pulled the ball back 25 metres, into the path of the marauding centre-forward Ravivo, who fluffed his attempted drive. But Eli Yanni, who had moved up from the mid-field, flicked his head at the ball and deflected it past the helpless Bonny Ginsburg.

This lucky goal was an ominous sign of what was to come. Maccabi refused to tighten their game. The Bonny Ginsburg added another incredible mistake, to his growing list of errors.

In the 43rd minute, he left his penalty area to get to a long ball that had been punted out of the their area by the Kfar Sava defence. Displaying the skills of an experienced sweeper he deftly side-stepped the challenge of the astonished incoming forward — then calmly stroked the ball to Maimoni. The Kfar Saban



MAN AWAY. — Kfar Sava's Eli Yanni shows a clean pair of heels to the Maccabi Tel Aviv defence. (Guthmann)

winger could be forgiven for believing he was playing on Purim and not Succot, but amazement did not make him lose his cool. He hammered the ball gratefully home into the net from an incredible distance of 40 metres.

The sun set on the first half, and spotlights greeted the players on the return to the field. Encouraged by their chanting supporters, Maccabi Tel Aviv began to assault the Kfar Sava goal.

Wave upon wave of attack were soaked up by the veteran Noah Einstein. When Tel Aviv did break through, as Fabak did on several occasions, their shots ended in the safe hands of Shamir, who, with a combination of intuition and

luck, held the Tel Avivians at bay until the 70th minute.

Then David Azulai floated a high ball over the top of the Kfar Sava defence and Alon Nathan, a second-half substitute returned a first time pass to the edge of the Kfar Sava area. Moshe Gariani trapped the ball, chose a spot inside Shamir's left-hand post, and stroked the ball home.

The last 15 minutes were played at a furious pace as Maccabi fought to equalize the score. During this period, they began to reveal some of the steel that they will need in order to take the title. On yesterday's showing, they are a team of all the talents, but need more backbone to overcome reverses.

BASKETBALL

Enter 'The Ah-nee-mal' — Holon hope

By KENNETH KAPLAN
HOLON. — It was love at first sight, with the Holon crowd chanting "Ah-nee-mal, Ah-nee-mal," as Ken "The Animal" Bannister alternately slunked and gave the stands a No. 1 sign with a big smile, as he led Hapoel Holon to a 93-75 victory over Hapoel Jerusalem. The chanting didn't stop until Bannister, Holon's new signing, managed to wade through a crowd of 200 exuberant fans who waited in the parking-lot for him for a half-hour after the game.

The romance began with the score tied 2-2, when Bannister took the ball and slammed it through the hoop. A moment later it was Bannister again — with his second dunk of the evening. From there on it was clear that there was no one on the court who could tame The Animal.

Bannister finished the first half with 16 points and an intimidating performance on defence. There were periods when Bannister was the first down the court in both directions.

In the second half Bannister added just another 10 points, more because of fatigue from his sterling first half show than because his being double teamed by the Jerusalemites.

Yet Bannister wasn't the only man on the court. For the first 10 minutes, it was clear that Holon needed something to stop a brilliant opening by Hapoel Jerusalem. Lamar Heard, Adi Ben-Ari and Gal Knaiz shot almost flawlessly during the opening minutes, with Heard grabbing offensive rebounds that he translated into lay-ups and Knaiz hitting three shots from three-point territory.

As a result, Jerusalem led 26-12 after nine minutes and 31-14 after 10, but, from then on, Holon took over, running off 12 unanswered

points. Avi Maor, who was brought in for Desi Barmore after eight minutes, did a superlative job of guarding Heard, after Holon switched to a man-to-man defence. At the end of the first half, Holon led 41-36.

Jerusalem pulled level to begin the second half, but Hapoel Holon then ran away. James Terry and Barmore scoring 13 and 10 points as the Jerusalem defence focussed on Bannister.

Bannister's first real test will come tonight when Holon host Elitzur Netanya in a replay of the third round game suspended after two backboards were shattered.

In Haifa, champions Maccabi Tel Aviv were subjected to their yearly lesson in humility by the local Maccabi, who seem to give the Tel Avivians a run for their money no matter where they may be in the table.

In a closely fought game with several changes of lead, the Tel Avivians found themselves losing 52-60 eight minutes into the second half. But the more experienced Tel Aviv squad worked hard and evened the score at 70 with five minutes to go.

That was too much for the Haifaite, who promptly collapsed under the pressure and let Maccabi Tel Aviv go ahead 79-70 to the strength of Haifa's turnovers and sloppy shooting.

Two three-pointers by Doron Shefa and Adi Gordon gave the local fans a glimmer of hope with a minute to go, but Mickey Berkowitz sank a free-throw with 18 seconds left to give the champs an insurmountable 4 point lead. Final score: Maccabi Tel Aviv 80, Maccabi Haifa 76.

The victory was not Tel Aviv's most brilliant of the young season. Berkowitz, Doron Jancher and Lee Johnson all finished hot and cold, with only Kevin Magee holding his own with 25 points and several key rebounds. Haifa's im-

ports had a disappointing evening. Mike Clark with 9 points and John Flowers with only 6. Shefa led Haifa with 19 points.

Down the coast in Tel Aviv, meanwhile, Betar Tel Aviv turned in a brilliant first half display against Hapoel Tel Aviv at Ussishkin Stadium. Betar opened up with an effective man-to-man defence, with 32-year-old Mel Howard holding Mike Largey to 8 points in the first half — and led by 36-23 with four minutes left in the period. Ron Davis (27 points on the night), leading the league with 133 points in four games, threw in an incredible 21 points in the first half. Betar led 42-34 at the half.

In the second half Largey came alive and with good outside shooting put in 17 points. He also contributed some brilliant passing to Lavonne Warner, blocked six shots and pulled down 11 rebounds to add to his 17 points. Amos Frishman was also a great bet, throwing in four three-pointers to finish the night with 16. Hapoel bypassed Betar with nine minutes left and kept increasing their lead. Final score: Hapoel Tel Aviv 86, Betar Tel Aviv 73.

In Kfar Gali, Hapoel Gali Elion had no trouble disposing of Hapoel Ramat Gan 108-94 in a free-wheeling contest. Gali Elion led throughout the game, leading 21-8 after seven minutes and 56-36 at the half. Erez Hazan was high scorer for Gali Elion with 24 points, while Uri Ben-Ari led the visitors with 26.

A similarly one-sided contest was played in Netanya, where Elitzur led by as much as 25 points before beating Hapoel Eitan-Givat 107-94. Carl Neberson led Elitzur with 33 points.

Gavi pulled briefly within 12 points with less than five minutes remaining, but they had no strength left to make it any closer. Alan Hardy and Ariel Forat led Gavi with 22 points apiece.

Haifa basketball fans suffered their second disappointment of the night when Maccabi Ramat Gan emerged victorious over Hapoel Haifa in Kfar HaZikim 91-80. Or Goren had 39 points and Larry Gibson 27 for Ramat Gan. Haifa's Ronald Houston took game's high honors with 33 points.

ENGLISH SOCCER

Forest leapfrog back to the lead

LONDON (Reuters). — Nottingham Forest ended Norwich City's one-week reign as leaders of the English First Division when they beat Queen's Park Rangers 1-0 yesterday to return to the top, as Norwich drew 1-1 with West Ham.

But Brian Clough's team, heralded as the most refreshing team for a decade in some quarters a few weeks ago, had to be content with an undistinguished win, courtesy of a 47th-minute goal from their manager's son, Nigel.

Cynics might even suggest Forest's most telling move was played yesterday when Clough Senior refused Norwich's request to retain central defender Ian Butterworth on loan for a second month.

He was plainly missed in the Norwich defence as West Ham striker Paul Goddard marked his first appearance of the season with the Londoners' 75th-minute equaliser. Kevin Drinkell having opened the scoring for Norwich after 58 minutes.

Liverpool, beaten at home by Tottenham last week, recovered their normal form at Anfield by trouncing League Cup holders Oxford United 4-0 to move up to a threatening third position.

Tottenham failed to capitalise on a chance of moving closer to the top when they were held 1-1 at home by Sheffield Wednesday — a big disappointment for the fans who had expected a convincing victory and a debut of English international striker Neil Clement.

Ian Rush was the man in form for Liverpool, scoring twice to confirm his position as the First Division's leading scorer with 16 goals in all competitions this season. Adams, with 13, his second.

Games go to Spain, France

LAUSANNE (Reuters). — Favourites Barcelona and Alberville of France were awarded the 1992 summer and winter Olympic Games by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Barcelona's selection led to huge riots and Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez called the Games an historic opportunity for Spain.

"It is a great chance for this superb French region, and also for our country, to be directly associated with the centenary celebrations of the Olympic Games," Claret said.

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Inflation creeping back?

THE ATTEMPT to sweep under the carpet the September consumer price index, simply will not do.

The finance minister, Moshe Nissim, on the one hand, and Dov Lautman, the president of the Manufacturers Association, on the other, would both have us believe that last month's 1.9 per cent index rise, and next month's expected 2.5 per cent jump, are minor aberrations within the framework of economic stability. The plain talk of Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, that September's figure is worrying, seems more convincing. A rise of 4.5 per cent in two months, or 30 per cent at an annual rate, represents not stability but dangerously high inflation.

The double defence, that September and October are traditionally problematic, and that no great attention need be paid to seasonal fluctuations, and that 20-30 per cent annual rates are still much better than the triple-digit near-hyperinflation of pre-July 1985, is quite hollow. A monthly range in which "low" is defined as around one per cent and "high" as 2-2.5 per cent is not acceptable as the aim for economic policy, because it is not a sustainable level.

In the same way, to say that being half-dead is better than being altogether dead, does not make the former state one that is inherently desirable. Half-dead and untreated is a recipe for deterioration, not convalescence.

The sometime aim of the Treasury and the Bank of Israel to bring Israeli inflation down to average Western levels - meaning an annual 3-5 per cent per year at the most - is in danger of falling victim to the tendency to make "stabilization" at the 20 per cent level an aim in itself. Although the target of 5 per cent or less seems utopian, the delusion of "stability at 20 per cent" is more pernicious, because it allows both the politicians and their advisers to rest on their laurels, ignoring the erosion of their past achievements.

The price indexes of September and October - and the belated rise in interest rates earlier this week - will blow some good if the concern they arouse penetrates the growing complacency of policy-makers about the direction of the economy.

Plenty of things are still going right, but they need reinforcement. Mr. Nissim should draw his colleagues' attention to the warning shots of the price indexes, and the spending boom that is feeding them, and use them as ammunition in the crucial battles now facing him, over implementing the 3.9 per cent budget cut agreed on in the summer, and making further cuts in the forthcoming 1987 budget.

ENERGY FIREWORKS

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will eliminate the present arrangement by which the oil companies divide up the market between them. Eventually, such agreements may even be made illegal.

Instead, the companies will sell their products at any price they want below a ceiling to be set by the government. "The market itself will set the minimum price," said the ministry official.

The oil companies will be invited to buy shares in the government-owned oil refineries at Haifa and Ashdod. But at the same time they will be freed from their obligations to buy all their refined products from the two refineries.

From January, they will be able to import up to 10 per cent of their oil in refined forms, instead of as crude. And eventually, said the official, they will be able to buy unlimited amounts of refined products from other sources.

The refineries themselves will be allowed to offer their services to foreign oil companies and institutions seeking refining facilities.

In another major change, big companies and major industries will be permitted to import their own oil supplies, thereby ending the three oil companies' monopoly in the market.

The policy has been under discussion for more than a year and is seen as part of a general trend towards reducing state involvement in the industry.

AUSTRIA

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religious and ethnic minorities to consider our homeland as theirs." He reflected the same theme in his Yom Kippur message last week to the Jewish community in Vienna.

Recalling his visit to Vienna's central synagogue last Sunday for Kol Nidrei services which moved him very much, he said: "It was a natural act of solidarity on my part, without any thoughts of political gain."

Questioned about Austria's foreign policy and current image problems, Vranitzky held firmly that the atmosphere and social currents at home must first be coped with and changed before it would be possible to "again sell Austria." He cautioned against what he termed "easy appeasement, as well as blowing matters out of proportion."

Five weeks before polling day, Vranitzky, who had been chancellor for only three months, has clearly emerged as a popular and unchallenged leader of his Socialist Party, the first to enjoy this position since Bruno Kreisky retired three years ago.

Last Friday evening, Kreisky publicly gave his full blessing to Vranitzky in a rally launching the election campaign in Vienna. Kreisky told the over 12,000 strong audience he was "convinced that Austria was in good hands with Vranitzky at its helm."

Yet Vranitzky may find it very difficult to regain an absolute majority for his party, and may have to opt for a "grand coalition" with the Conservative People's Party. Both big parties have enjoyed equal support in recent public opinion polls.

Asked in this connection whether he would consider taking a leaf out of Israel's recent political experience and proposing mid-term rotation, Vranitzky firmly ruled out such a proposition.

ISRAEL WARNS AMAL

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Ibrahim, speaking to reporters at his village of Zeghdaya, said that the airman spoke "a little Arabic with an Egyptian accent."

"I jumped out of a bush and ordered him to stick up his hands. He raised only one arm. I was scared he had something in his other hand, so I shouted at him and gestured with my M-16 rifle and told him to raise his other hand, but he could not," Ibrahim said.

He said he later found out that the airman's right arm was broken "and then I marched him 1,200 metres from the olive grove to Zeghdaya. From there my superiors took him to somewhere else."

Reporters who interviewed Ibrahim said that the Israeli's radio set, beeper, parachute and maps were on display during the interview.

But Israeli military officials said last night that this meant only that Amal had located the airman's discarded gear.

Israeli officials were sceptical last night about Ibrahim's story because Amal had not published the pilot's name, or any other proof that he was indeed being held by the organization.

Military sources said last night it was still "very unclear" why the plane had crashed. They tended to

discount the assumption that it had been hit by a shoulder-held SAM-7 Strella.

"Our theory is either an incredibly unlucky bullet hitting one of the plane's sensitive systems, or else mechanical failure," The Post was told last night.

Reuter adds from Sidon: A teenage member of Abu Nidal's extreme Palestinian terror group said yesterday that he had achieved a life-long dream by shooting down the Israeli Phantom.

Said Abbas, 19, credited by comrades with downing the jet, said: "I have always expected and wanted to shoot down an Israeli jet."

Abbas, with pieces of wreckage from the plane and holding an automatic rifle, said he belonged to the Fatah Revolutionary Council led by Abu Nidal. He spoke to reporters at the Ein Hilwe refugee camp near Sidon.

"I succeeded in downing the jet because I believe weapons are to be used and not paraded," said Abbas, still clutching the Soviet-made SAM-7 launcher he had fired during the attack.

The Phantom was the first Israeli aircraft to be downed over Lebanon since Syrian jets hit a reconnaissance plane over the eastern Bekaa valley in November 1983.

Silly game on the way to rotation

Yosef Goell

IT IS astounding how a political leader like Shimon Peres, who has racked up so much real political accomplishment to his credit during the two years of his incumbency, at the head of Israel's most improbable government ever, can have frittered away so much of that credit in a few frantic days of futile controversy over marginal issues.

By the time this sees print the crises, bluffs and posturing surrounding the rotation in the premiership may possibly have been overcome. But the unseemly nature of the process of the last few days, for which Labour was largely to blame, has resulted in serious damage in several directions.

There were good national, party and personal reasons for Shimon Peres to go back on his commitment to rotation and to choose instead to go to the country in new elections. But Peres made his decision to go through with the rotation, largely it is said, in order to establish his personal credibility as a political leader who keeps his word. His ability to stand up to the majority of his own party's leaders in his insistence on going through with the rotation was helped along by the stark political fact that Labour simply did not command the votes in the Knesset to bring about early dissolution and new elections.

Peres had undoubtedly been personally hurt by the Likud's tarring of

him in three elections as indecisive and untrustworthy. But I may be allowed a note of cynicism in expressing the belief that the country, in its mood of the past few years, does not put too high a premium on mere honesty among politicians. We have descended to a situation in which many, if not most of us, accept as a given a large measure of political dishonesty among our political leaders. That one politician has kept his word to another politician is not likely to count much with the electorate.

PERES obviously hopes that it will. This made his and his party's performance of the last few days all the more silly. For it is a reasonable supposition that whatever image of credibility was built up by his insistence on going through with rotation has been demolished by Labour's nipping performance around the implementation of that rotation.

The issues on which Labour has chosen to make its futile stand have also served to dredge up memories of the more distasteful aspects of the party. For while its first rank of leaders have usually been more impressive than those of the Likud, and its performance in office way ahead of its rival - just consider the record of the past two years - when it comes to patronage and jobs for the boys, it has always been just as ruthless, and possibly even more so, than the Likud, which has just recently begun to evince the unabashed hunger for jobs and power that characterized Mapai in its bad old days.

On top of this, Peres has demon-

strated his own penchant for overextending himself in personal promises. The Foreign Ministry, to which he is being relegated by his own agreement to the rotation, is simply not a meaty enough ministry to sustain the ego weights of Ezer Weizman as a fifth-wheel minister; of his colleague, Avraham Tanir, as an alien implant director-general; and of a smattering of Peres's own fair-haired, young aides.

Besides which, it is Labour, from the days of Ben-Gurion and his then first director-general and later deputy minister of defence, Shimon Peres, that established the tradition of a Foreign Ministry relegated to playing second fiddle, or no fiddle at all, in regard to the all-important fields of relations with the U.S. and with the Arab world. In the present government of national unity, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir no role in those two fields. What could be more natural than for Shamir to insist on continuing with that very tradition when he finally takes over in the Prime Minister's Office, and Peres is being shunted to the Foreign Ministry.

Constitutionally, there is no room for a second minister in a Foreign Ministry where there is arguably not enough work, or prestige, even for one high-level minister, or for an unheard-of deputy ministerhip for Yossi Beilin. In regard to the ambassadorship to Washington, Shamir is also on strong ground in insisting on appointing, not a Herut back, but a proven top Foreign Ministry profes-

sional like Haim Bar-On, as opposed to one of Peres's young aides, Beilin or Nimrod Novik.

THE ISSUE of Yitzhak Moda'i's return to the cabinet was always a red herring. A Labour Party that swallowed hard and accepted its leader's insistence that it sit in the cabinet with the devil himself, in the guise of Arik Sharon, cannot be taken seriously when it starts pontificating about sitting with a mere trouble-making imp, like Moda'i. The real sin in regard to Moda'i was of Peres's own making: his total insensitivity to the likelihood that the fired finance minister would wreak havoc in a sensitive ministry such as Justice, which is exactly what happened there during his three-month tenure. But why make waves over Moda'i's return as a minister-without-portfolio? Is he any more anathema to Labour than Ezer Weizman is, for example, to Herut?

This is all part of the not too edifying political game, and one can either take the posturing around these issues seriously or not. Where real damage has been inflicted, however, is in the continued undermining of the civil service. One of the main problems of our political system is the declining level of the top people who staff it. It took Labour and its Mapai predecessors the better part of three decades to begin to overcome their natural tendency to pack the civil service with political appointees and to begin to build a professional service. But this was being done by the 1970s. The advent of the Likud to power

in 1977 constituted a serious reversal of this desirable trend. For the Likud insisted on repeating all the worst aspects of Mapai rule in the 1950s and 60s. The past two years of the "unity government" have shown that in this respect Labour and the Likud were not much more than Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

The occasion of the rotation has aggravated this tendency of our political leaders of all parties to disregard the element of personal quality in administrative appointments. That a man like David Kimche of the Foreign Ministry has been elbowing out none too elegantly, so that Shimon Peres could pay his political debts to Ezer Weizman's Yahad party, a no-longer-existent entity, if it ever did exist at all, is a shocking example of this tendency. So too was Peres's determination to pass over an extremely qualified Foreign Ministry professional like Bar-On for the Washington post.

IF THESE are the preferences that our political leaders insist on displaying, it should not be surprising that capable men and women of legitimate ambition continue to shun government service. And the quality of our government's performance, both in domestic and in foreign affairs, cannot but reflect the consequences of such personal decisions, regardless of who the elected political overlords may be.

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READERS' LETTERS

SOUTH AFRICA'S ROLE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In his article of October 9 on Mozambique, Alec Israel tries to blame South Africa for the human suffering created by the economic failures of yet another African socialist state, as well as for the internal military struggle that ravages Mozambique.

Mr. Israel alleges that South Africa "... immediately disregarded the (Nkomati Accord) and if anything, intensified its support for the (Mozambique National Resistance)." He completely disregards the fact that South Africa, together with the United States and Portugal, unsuccessfully tried to mediate between Mozambique and the MNR since the signing of the Nkomati Accord on March 16, 1984. In fact, the last round of negotiations were broken off during April 1986 by the MNR because it would not accept the Mozambican proposal that President Machel would be the sole candidate for the state presidency.

Mr. Israel also chose to ignore the fact that South Africa currently provides approximately 90 per cent of Mozambique's electricity, that almost 10,000 railway carriages of the South African Railways are being used in Mozambique on a monthly basis and that some 5,800 Mozambican students were enrolled at South African institutions for higher education between 1979 and 1985. Furthermore, thousands of Mozambican refugees are being provided with food and shelter by the South African authorities while even more are informally employed in the agricultural area bordering on Mozambique.

These statistics as well as other commonly known facts belie Mr. Israel's accusation of South African "destabilization" in Mozambique. The truth is, as State President P.W. Botha has stressed on numerous occasions, that politically and economically stable and prosperous neighbours would be to the benefit of the whole region, including South Africa.

With regard to Angola, "the other South African sideshow," I would like to mention the following facts, conveniently forgotten by Mr. Israel.

The Unita movement under its leader, Dr. Jonas Savimbi, is not a creation of the South African government. It is a movement in its own right which came into conflict with the Portuguese in the early 1960s and with the communist MPLA since 1975.

In 1975 Angola was one of the three richest countries in sub-Saharan Africa, along with South Africa and Nigeria. Today after little more than a decade of communist rule, it is one of the poorest.

Is it Pretoria or Moscow which has sent Luanda 30,000 Cuban troops, 3,000 Soviet and East German officers as well as members of the Portuguese Communist Party, to bolster up a government which is having to fight a resistance movement of which every member is Black?

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JEWISH 'UNDERGROUND'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I was surprised to find, in your issue of October 3, a large notice inviting the public to a demonstration for the release of the jailed Jewish terrorists, which it termed the "Jewish Underground." It asserted that these men were not criminals and said that they "acted to strengthen the security of Israel." It claimed that opinion polls show that "more than 80 per cent of the public" demand their immediate release, and called on the reader to join a protest march and demonstration scheduled for this purpose on October 7.

Terrorism is terrorism, regardless of who carries out the terrorist acts. This is a lesson that many countries of the world have had to learn, often somewhat painfully. I would hate to think that Israel, a nation which has suffered more than most from terrorism, still has this lesson to learn.

As for calling these men the "Jewish Underground" - well, Israel has been in existence as a sovereign Jewish nation for almost 40 years now, with its own defence forces and security forces. It does not need a "Jewish Underground."

I cannot believe that "more than 80 per cent" of the Israeli public demand the release of these jailed criminals, but that a sizeable segment of the population evidently does is cause for concern. These men

were all found guilty of crimes, including murder, by Israeli courts, under Israeli law; and, in view of legal precedent, it can hardly be argued that the sentences handed down were unduly harsh. It is worth noting that most of the men jailed in connection with the "Underground" have already served their sentences and been released, and that those still imprisoned are the ones convicted of the more serious offences.

Far from "acting to strengthen the security of Israel," had the plans of these men and their associates - plans which included the bombing of Arab buses, mass murder, and the destruction of the Temple Mount mosques - not been thwarted, they would have cast a serious stain on Israel's honour and caused irreparable damage to Israel's image abroad. What was done, and this included the planting of bombs, the murder of Arab university students and the serious injury of West Bank mayors, was bad enough.

The real issue, though, is whether law or lawlessness will prevail. If Israel is to survive as a democracy, it cannot exclude any person or any group from obedience and accountability to the law, but must have an impartial code of law which is applied equally to all.

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THE PRICE OF PEACE

rule, over East Jerusalem. 6. Jordan will not enter into any peace plan with Israel without the approval of the Arabs of the West Bank.

Therefore, we can perhaps save ourselves from what might become very soon a crisis in government and cause a further split in our society (which would make previous crises seem like child's play), by determining once and for all whether we are ready to do the following for the sake of peace:

1. Restore the Golan to Syria, with MFO's or whatever.
2. Agree, if possible with both Jordan and the West Bank Arabs, to withdraw Israeli rule over all or portions of the West Bank and Gaza to "attempt" to work out some solution for themselves and by themselves, and later recognize the possible solution.

3. Agree to international rule, or shared Arab-Israeli, or Arab international rule and sovereignty over East Jerusalem.

And last but certainly not least, should we agree to a more pronounced Soviet influence in the Middle East for the sake of peace? This would bring with it ties to Eastern Europe and possible trade and Jewish aliya from that region, at the eventual expense of some significant alienation from the U.S. and/or the Western nations, and maybe even from the North American Jewish community.

We might as well begin to seriously focus on these real gut issues now (and all Israelis and most Jews should be involved in reaching consensus answers), and not wait to be involved in some international conference or forum to do so.

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REMEMBERING THE DEAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to the letters which appeared recently in your column about the Auschwitz convent. I believe that the Jewish organizations should cease challenging the plans for a convent at the site if its purpose is to be "expiation and repentance," as one of your correspondents assures us. Polish Cardinal Macharski seems to recognize that many of those who committed the unspeakable crimes were at least nominally Christian, and they surely have enough to expiate for many generations.

But organized Jewry should ask for something in return: the church at Chelmno as a Jewish place of prayer. It was in this church (now used once more for Catholic worship) that Jews by the thousands were held in inhuman conditions before being loaded into the trucks for their final journey - a journey which invariably ended in death by carbon monoxide poisoning.

There could be no more appropriate place than this church for a Jewish memorial in situ; a living memorial, moreover, where Kadish would be said every day in perpetuity, attended by Jewish pilgrims come to mourn the dead.

In a place where synagogues serve

MURDER IN GAZA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - As a new immigrant, I was appalled at the reaction of Israeli friends on the night when the news bulletin reported that a Jewish shopper had been murdered in Gaza. The reaction of those present was: "What was he doing in the market anyway?" One bright spark said disparagingly: "Probably looking for bargains." In fact, the whole episode was dismissed as being of no consequence, or at least blamed on the Jewish shopper for being there in the first place. The Arab murderer was not condemned for his action at all.

Only Arabs, it would appear, have the right to shop for bargains in Jewish stores. Naturally, if they were then stabbed to death, everyone would be agitated. But for a Jew to be murdered in an Arab market is to us a "normal" occurrence.

By saying, "What was he doing there anyway," one inadvertently states that Jews should boycott Arab businesses. However, were there to be a general call for this course of action, it would immediately bring about an outcry by the very same type of person who said disparagingly that he was probably looking for bargains.

What to do? Either way, the Jew cannot win: if he boycotts Arab business, he will be condemned as a racist. When he buys from them, he is termed an idiot - in both cases by his own people.

The Arab murderers, if caught, never have to pay the penalty. When they do, as in the case of the Ashkelon bus hijack, then there is a committee of inquiry at the highest level. They know that they will be freed in a prisoner exchange at some time in the future. And often they are simply not apprehended, even though they are usually known to the Arab bystanders on whose cooperation or silence they rely.

As long as Jewish blood is considered cheap by both Jews and Arabs alike, it will be spilt. A high price must be placed on Jewish life by Jews themselves.

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